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Tuesday, 9 December 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, Earman

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General Smith:

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a. Stated that in going over cables he was continually reminded of the ludicrous pseudos assigned and directed that action be taken to "clean these up" both inside and outside the Agency in order that they would not be contemptuous if discovered. Mr. Wisner noted he had already spoken to his staff concerning this. The DCI remarked that we should go further and put this matter in the form of a directive. DD/P undertook to follow through on this. *Done*

b. Referred to a cable from Admiral Overesch [REDACTED] summarizing his views on the stations he has so far visited and noted, in particular, that Overesch had indicated that finance and audit support in the field would be useful. The Director went on to say he had been informed by Major Briggs, OSD, that an individual (whose name he could not recall), assigned to Mr. McNeal's staff in Defense, was desirous of making a change and, in all probability, would be agreeable to joining CIA. Mr. Wolf noted that plans were going forward to provide additional finance and audit support to the field; however, we were in the market for competent people in this line. Mr. Earman undertook to contact Major Briggs and arrange for the above-mentioned individual to see DD/A.

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d. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning Colonel Fertig and stated he had been advised that Fertig was a member of McClure's staff and he (DCI) intended to get in touch with him.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Reported on a conversation he had with [REDACTED] who indicated he had been informed that it was State Department policy to advise Hungarian refugees to push for a break between the Hungarian Communist party and Moscow. Mr. Dulles went on to say that he had heard of no such policy and asked Mr. Wisner to check this with the appropriate people in State without revealing the source of this information.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

b. Noted the appointment of George Federer to the German Consulate in Washington and stated that Federer had been of a good deal of assistance to him during World War II and he intended to get in touch with him on arrival here.

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c. Noted that (1) he had read the papers left by [Redacted] as discussed at the Deputies' Meeting on 5 December; (2) by and large these papers were well written; (3) [Redacted] was attempting to enlist the aid of Mr. John J. McCloy; (4) after considering the proposals outlined in the above papers, he believed the Council on Foreign Relations would be a good group to handle these proposals from the U.S. angle. After some discussion, the Director stated we should attempt to get the Council to father a U.S. paper and, in fact, if they would undertake this we could offer financial assistance. Mr. Dulles noted that the Council had to date refused to accept financial assistance from other than foundations.

d. Referred to a proposed cable to General Ridgway from Deputy Secretary Foster regarding a briefing for General Ridgway on psychological strategy and, after some discussion, the DCI undertook to get in touch with Mr. Foster to determine (1) if such a briefing was necessary; (2) if it was how much did Ridgway need to know and/or be informed on this subject.

e. Reported that the JCS was still sitting on a paper regarding the off-shore islands and, after some discussion, the Director noted he would speak to Deputy Secretary of Defense Foster on this matter.

Mr. Wisner:

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b. Referred to a previous discussion concerning [Redacted] and noted that (1) he had appeared on the scene yesterday; (2) a letter was being prepared as directed by the DCI; (3) Sheff Edwards had been advised of [Redacted] arrival.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

d. Left with the Director a report on the Italian political parties. In a brief discussion of splinter parties, the Director commented that he always looked with some fear upon people who severed their relations with the Communists.

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Mr. Amory:

a. Reported he had received a call from Gen. Partridge requesting that Lt. Col. William C. Lantaff, a reserve officer on active duty with G-2, be allowed to attend the IAC meeting on 11 December. Mr. Amory went on to note that Lantaff in civilian life was a member of Congress. The Director stated that (1) he had noted that the attendance at recent IAC meetings was increasing; (2) it had been agreed that no one would attend these meetings unless his presence was essential in connection with papers to be discussed; (3) if the possibility of Lantaff's attendance at this meeting had already been mentioned to him he would approve an exception in this instance; (4) Mr. Amory would bring the above to the attention of Gen. Partridge.

b. Noted that the heads of the several ORR consultants panels would be in Washington for the next few days for a series of conferences and invited the Director and the Deputy Director to attend any of these meetings.

c. Reported that a briefing had been arranged for Admiral Espe on 22 December to cover both sides of the Agency and he would be the host. Mr. Wisner asked Mr. Amory to advise Admiral Espe if he required any further information on our covert activities he would be glad to make himself available for this purpose.

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