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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 11 December 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Amory (for part of the meeting), Earman

General Smith stated he was gratified at the number of station chiefs being returned for Headquarters' duty and their replacement by Headquarters' personnel. In a discussion of replacements for station chiefs, the Director stated we should consider officers from both sides of the Agency who were mature career employees and after selection should be given a course of instruction prior to assignment as a station chief. The Director went on to say that replacements for the larger stations such as [redacted] should be selected from the AD level and the incumbents at these stations serve tours of duty at Headquarters on the Assistant Director or Deputy Assistant Director level. The Director then briefly discussed a replacement for Col. Betts and Col. Betts' assignment in Headquarters.

Mr. Dulles:

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Stated that Archie Roosevelt's tour as Senior Representative [redacted] would be up the first part of the year and recommended that he be replaced by Rolfe Kingsley. The DCI approved. Mr. Wisner, in response to a query from the Director concerning Roosevelt's assignment in Headquarters, noted that consideration was being given to assigning him to the [redacted]. After some discussion, the Director stated he should be put in another division in order to

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

learn a new area. In connection with a replacement for Kingsley, Mr. Wisner said that two individuals were under consideration, one to handle the covert training aspect and the other to handle the administration. The Director noted he had seen no signs in the reduction of administrators as a result of the "consolidation" and asked Mr. Wolf when he would be able to report at least a 25% decrease. Mr. Wolf replied that both he and Mr. Shannon were working on this.

b. Reported that both State and Defense were playing the scenario in regard to the [redacted] matter as we had indicated and, in fact, a cable had been sent to General Clark advising him to join the team and play ball with Ambassador Murphy.

c. Reported that the interrogation of [redacted] was going forward and he would be "out" as directed by the close of business today.

d. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning the designation by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of a clandestine operating committee under the Standing Group and recommended that CIA participate in an "observer capacity only". The DCI approved.

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