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Deputies' Meeting

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Monday, 15 December 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Amory, Helms, Earman

General Smith:

a. Stated that in view of the fact that [redacted] would be pardoned by the President we should withdraw our request for an appeal in this case.

b. Referred to a cable from [redacted] regarding the [redacted] affair and, after some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to draft a reply for the DCI's approval.

c. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] ^{S 12.22.52} concerning [redacted] and directed that a reply be sent to [redacted] covering the following points: (1) [redacted] would be terminated upon return to the U.S.; (2) while Headquarters appreciates the desire to "straighten out" an officer, time should not be taken to do so overseas since it was not his (DCI's) desire to temporize or reserve judgment at points of impact; (3) in any case where an officer of this Agency shows signs of indiscretion, instability, poor performance of duty, etc., such officer should be returned to Headquarters immediately where determination would be made as to his retention since it was not desirable that such determination be made by our overseas stations. After some further discussion, the DCI directed that a cable be sent to all senior representatives and station chiefs advising them of the above policy. *Done*

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Gen. Smith (Cont'd.)

e. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] regarding an extension for [redacted] through November 1953 and stated he would speak to Secretary Finletter on this matter.

[redacted]

Mr. Helms:

[redacted]

b. Stated he had queried [redacted] order to determine whether we were mixed up in the case of the [redacted] who had retained a number of classified documents after his relief from active duty.

[redacted]

Mr. *Amory* [redacted]

a. Briefly discussed the current situation in Indochina [redacted]
[redacted]

b. Reported that at a recent international conference on electronics in Chicago two officers of the Russian Embassy were in attendance and had asked questions concerning certain electronic devices and received a reply that these devices were "being used in our guided missiles". After some discussion, the Director stated if we were absolutely sure of our facts in this case that he desired to present them in writing to the Secretary of State. Mr. Amory undertook to prepare this letter.

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c. Recommended that if the Director met with the JCS on the morning of 18 December the IAC meeting for that date be postponed. The DCI approved.

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