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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 18 December 1952

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

General Smith asked if the security violation of the [Redacted] had been brought to the attention of the Department of State. Mr. Wisner stated that it had and, in fact, Mr. Joyce had sent one of his people over to see us and we had given him the full story.

Mr. Helms:

a. Stated he had asked Sherman Kent to give special handling to [Redacted] since this paper was the basis for our planning [Redacted]

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c. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [Redacted] and stated that in view of the source the information contained therein was probably bona fide. The Director noted he had seen this cable.

d. Referred to a cable received from the Senior Representative, [Redacted] concerning defection operations and, after some discussion, undertook to draft a reply to this cable for the Director's approval. *S. 12-29-52*
not to make a reply at this time. Helms will so inform DCI if asked.

Mr. Wolf brought to the Director's attention an item concerning CIA in the Jerry Kluttz column in the WASHINGTON POST of today and recommended that we ignore it. The DCI approved.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that he and Desmond Fitzgerald had had a long and successful meeting with Ambassadors Yeh and Koo on 17 December and during this meeting the following information had been brought to light: [Redacted]

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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b. Noted that it was about time for Karamessines to return to Headquarters for a tour of duty and recommended [redacted] as his replacement. The DCI approved.

c. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] referred to at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting and stated that a paper was about completed on the subject of [redacted]

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[redacted] labor situation; (2) he was not sure anything could be accomplished in having Eldridge return to the U.S. for consultation and asked DD/P to furnish him with his recommendations on the above-mentioned cable.

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d. Raised the question of an operation in a certain Latin American country and, after some discussion, the Director stated that from the way this matter had been handled he did not believe we were adroit enough to mount this project; however, if "anyone" would give him an airtight plan, it would be given full consideration.

Mr. Amory:

a. Noted that Adm. Espe would be here for luncheon on Monday, 22 December. The Director stated he would be unable to attend.

b. Asked the Director if it would be necessary, as a result of yesterday's NSC meeting, for CIA to produce another estimate along the lines of SE 28. The Director noted that it would and should be done as a matter of urgency; however, all that was needed was to reaffirm the information contained in the original estimate (SE 28). In connection with coordination on the new estimate the Director noted that while it was our own we should get as much coordination from the IAC agencies as possible.

c. Noted that a report had been received that the East Germans would suspend their present economic plan and initiate a new plan concentrated on factory production of materials for rearmament.

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