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Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 2 January 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Helms, Long

Mr. Dulles noted the report in the Log concerning the approach of certain Russian diplomatic officers to our diplomatic mission in Athens. Mr. Hedden pointed out that this was apparently part of a general pattern and expressed the opinion that it may signify a general effort at rapprochement. He suspects that those who are making these approaches are intelligence people of greater importance than their ostensible rank would suggest and holding wide influence within their mission.

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Mr. Helms:

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a. Raised the question of the [redacted] military attache in Warsaw to avoid contact with attaches from the West, and suggested that this cable was sent simply to inform Mr. Dulles, so that if the [redacted] Attache should appear to be unduly standoffish we would know why. He recommended simply telling [redacted] we had noted the information about [redacted] instructions. Mr. Dulles agreed.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Hedden expressed the view that the whole concept of border crossing in non-combat areas should be reviewed in terms of its cost and returns, and noted that he was preparing a memorandum on this subject.

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d. Reported that FE Division is looking into the question of a rate war involving CAT.

Mr. Becker:

a. Summarized intelligence which indicates a build-up on the part of Communist China, suggesting an imminent military move: decided up-swing in propaganda, air reinforcement, movement of ground forces, civilian evacuation of Kaesong. Various signs pointed to 9 to 14 February as a critical week.

b. Reported that the situation in Colombia is in abeyance for the moment with the potentiality of breaking out anew at any time.