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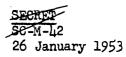
STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building Monday, 26 January 1953, at 1100 Hours

Mr. Dulles Presiding

Richard Helms, Acting Deputy Director for Plans Loftus E. Becker, Deputy Director for Intelligence Lawrence Houston, Acting Deputy Director for Administration James M. Andrews, Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination George G. Carey, Assistant Director for Operations H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence Robert Amory, Jr., Assistant Director for Research and Reports Raymond J. Sontag, Acting Assistant Director for National Estimates Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland, Assistant Director for Communications Lt. Gen. William H. H. Morris, Jr., Assistant Director for Personnel James Q. Reber, Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination Huntington D. Sheldon, Assistant Director for Current Intelligence Rolfe Kingsley, Acting Director of Training Brig. Gen. Jesmond C. Balmer, Chief for Plans and Program Coordination C. Tracy Barnes, Chief for Political and Psychological Warfare Col. Sheffield Edwards, Assistant Deputy, Inspection & Security Willis Gibbons, Chief of Technical Support Lyle T. Shannon, Chief of Administration, Office of DD/P Eric Timm, Chief of Foreign Intelligence Brig. Gen. John Weckerling, Chief of Paramilitary Staff J. S. Earman, Executive Assistant to the Director Robert W. Fuller, Assistant to the Director Stanley J. Grogan, Assistant to the Director

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1. Mr. Dulles' Nomination as Director of Central Intelligence

Mr. Dulles, referring to the President's announcement that he, Mr. Dulles, had been nominated as Director of Central Intelligence, stated that, depending upon Senate confirmation, he would assume office on or about 1 February 1953.

Mr. Dulles expressed his deep sense of responsibility for the new job. It is a position, he explained, that held for him the greatest possible interest and entailed, therefore, no sacrifice on his part. He pointed out that General Smith had "put us on the right track" and that he intended to follow the General's lead.

2. General Cabell's Appointment as Deputy Director

Mr. Dulles remarked on CIA's good fortune in obtaining the services of General Cabell as Deputy Director, stating that he had the highest regard and respect for General Cabell. He pointed out that, while CIA is a civilian organization, it is necessary to maintain a proper balance between civilians and the military. Until General Cabell is able to take over full time, he will be available for conferences, briefings, etc., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

3. Future Assistant Directors' Meetings

In closing, Mr. Dulles asked the Assistant Directors to consider, during the next two weeks, whether the AD Meetings are worth while and whether they should be continued.

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