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Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 28 January 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Becker, Helms, Houston, Admiral Overesch, Mr. Earman

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Stated he had received a memorandum (author unknown) from Pinky Thompson in regard to the Rosenberg case and had given a copy to Sam Papich. Since the contents of this memorandum did have foreign implications, a copy was also given to Mr. Helms for Tracy Barnes to study.

b. Noted a telegram he had received from [redacted] which "made no sense to him" and asked Mr. Helms to check on the sender. *S. 2. 10. 53*

c. Noted a letter he had received from General Wyman with an enclosure which pertained to the Far East. Mr. Helms undertook to have the Chief, FE Division prepare a reply for DDCI's signature. *S. 2. 5. 53*

d. Reported on the discussions at yesterday's NSC Senior Staff meeting and gave Mr. Helms a memorandum prepared by Mr. Amory in this regard.

e. Asked Mr. Helms to have Tracy Barnes prepare for the Director's signature a letter of "appreciation" to Mr. Joyce. It was noted that a copy of this letter should be placed in Mr. Joyce's personnel file. *S. 2. 3. 53*

f. Asked Admiral Overesch to consider whether we should submit a report to Defense and/or General Clark in regard to [redacted]. In this connection Admiral Overesch noted that he and General Clark had reached an understanding that neither of them would report disagreements to their respective superiors unless such disagreements could not be ironed out "on the ground".

g. Asked Mr. Helms to furnish him a copy of the agenda for the [redacted] briefing.

h. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] regarding American corespondents snooping on [redacted] stated that General Weckerling had undertaken to discuss this matter with Col. Grogan.

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Mr. Houston:

a. Reported that he, the General Counsel for Defense and the Air Force and Mr. Roger Jones of the Bureau of the Budget were all of the opinion that it would be necessary to request legislation in order that General Cabell could accept the position as DDCI without vacating his commission. In this connection, Mr. Houston noted that Jones had recommended we approach this matter "gingerly" since the Congress was leery in appointing high-ranking military officers to civilian posts in the Government. After some discussion, Mr. Houston undertook to discuss this matter further with Jones and prepare a draft of a general and private bill for DDCI's consideration. Mr. Houston also noted that possibly the best way to handle this situation would be to request the President to ask for approval. DDCI stated he hoped we could avoid this and noted that, in all probability, he could handle it through Senator Saltonstall -- in any event it was agreed that no approach should be made to the President or any member of the Congress without prior approval of DDCI.

b. Reported on a flap in regard to [REDACTED] and stated it might be necessary for DDCI to approach [REDACTED] on this matter.

c. Reported that Mr. Pforzheimer would discuss with Congressman Walter a private bill in regard to permanent citizenship [REDACTED]

Admiral Overesch:

a. Noted that among other things he wished to discuss while here was the size of his organization [REDACTED] since in his opinion it was too large.

b. Discussed a conversation he had [REDACTED] in regard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It was noted that a report of this conversation had already been received by cable. DDCI asked Mr. Helms to bring a copy of this cable to his attention: *Dave*

Mr. Becker stated there had been no reports of "Liberation Day" riots in Egypt. [REDACTED]

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