

12 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. I saw Herbert Feis on Wednesday, 6 April 1960. He had a 4 PM appointment. He arrived at 4:45 and said he had been with the President who had kept him for two hours. When he told the President he was due to see me at 4 PM, the President told him to give me his best personal regards, and Feis thought that would clear him. I told him it did.
3. Feis was trying to find out what you said to the Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson in Potsdam on or about 20 July 1945 and what Mr. Stimson said to you in relation to the Japanese peace feelers. He said he had tried to secure this information from the Joint Chiefs of Staff on several occasions and every time he has run into a stone wall. He said there is nothing in Mr. Stimson's diary concerning this meeting. Feis was on duty at the War Department at the time and believes that Harvey Bundy and Colonel Kyle were the only two who accompanied Mr. Stimson. He does not believe Mr. McCloy was with the Secretary. He said Harvey Bundy is very old now and his memory is not trustworthy.
4. I told Feis that this problem had come up previously on several occasions and that you had made no comments on your talks with the Secretary and wouldn't, as I understand it, until you find your records.
5. Feis was familiar with Kase's "Dulles' Route" which appears in his memoirs, Journey To The Missouri. He was not familiar with Chapter 22, "The Dulles Operation" from a book published in Japanese under foreign auspices called The History Of The End Of The War. I furnished him with a

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translation in English, a copy of which we had previously given to Chuck Bailey. He was pleased to receive this additional information which seemed to quote different reports. He will return to me the thermofax copy I furnished to him because it is the only file copy I have.

6. I also had Feis talk to ^{25X1A} [REDACTED] our historian, who was formerly with the National Archives. ^{25X1A} [REDACTED] told him that the OSS records in the National Archives include the State Department's collection on OSS. Feis asked if we would try to locate the Stimson-Dulles papers or any references to them because he has been unsuccessful. I told him we would make that effort. OSS records in CIA custody are being searched by the DDP archivist, who to date has uncovered nothing on this phase of the Japanese peace feelers. Search is also being made of the OSS records in the National Archives custody.

7. It is questionable if we should go to the Secretary of Defense and ask for a search of the JCS files, the Joint Intelligence Committee files, Secretary Stimson's files in the War Department archives, War Department "OPD" files, the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee files which James C. Dunn headed, or whether we should ask the State Department if they would check for any record of the Dulles-Stimson conversations in Potsdam.

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