

DIARY NOTES

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1. I talked to Mr. Dulles about the investigation of CIA by the Hoover Commission and, specifically, about the designation of General Mark Clark to head this particular investigation. He advised me that he had sent a telegram to General Clark at the Citadel expressing his pleasure at the press reports announcing his selection for this task, informing him of his plans to go to Europe as soon as Congress adjourned, and stating that if the General were not going to be in Washington prior to his departure for Europe he would be glad to fly down to Charleston and spend an evening with him to discuss the subject. He advised me that he wanted to form a small internal committee whose responsibility it would be to get material together for General Clark and his task force to read. He wanted me, Kirk, [redacted] a DD/I representative, and, possibly, Stanley Grogan to serve on this committee. (I think that he will probably want someone from the Offices of Training and Communications also.) I suggested that we have [redacted], or a member of his Staff, as the Executive Secretary of the committee since it was my understanding that General Clark's task force would be concerned with progress and management and would not investigate actual clandestine operations. Mr. Dulles said that he wanted to familiarize the Clark task force with our needs for a new building, get their advice on Career Service legislation, and that he might throw in the agreed "activities paper" and the USCIB situation. We agreed to discuss it at the Deputies' Meeting on Wednesday.

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2. I discussed with Mr. Dulles my need for an Assistant DD/A, informing him of my desire to get someone from the DD/P side of the house and also of the fact that no nominations had been forthcoming from that component to date. I suggested that we consider [redacted] to which he reacted unfavorably, stating that he felt [redacted] was fully competent to do the job but that he was one of the few highly trained and skilled persons in the clandestine services and that it would be a mistake to take him away from it. He asked me how I felt about Jim Garrison. I told him that I thought Jim would be excellent but that I could not afford to remove him from the Logistics Office inasmuch as there was no one else prepared to take over his job. He also suggested that [redacted] was a young man whom he believed should be watched and broadened. I informed him that I knew [redacted] personally and that I felt as though he would make a good Executive Officer for the DD/A but that he was not quite ready for the position of Assistant DD/A. However, I told him that I might ask his help in prying [redacted] loose from George Carey and he indicated that he would be glad to lend any assistance necessary. (I discussed this possibility with Messrs. Carey and [redacted] on 6 July 1954. Carey, of course, was most reluctant to see [redacted] go and said that

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he did not have anyone fully qualified to take his place and really believed that it would be in the best interests of the Agency for him to stay [redacted]. I told Mr. Carey that while I could not give [redacted] an immediate promotion he would be

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in line for a grade GS-17 eventually and that I would like very much to consider his transfer to my Office. It was agreed that he would talk to [redacted] and advise me when he had done so, after which I would also talk to him. No doubt he will discourage Alan from taking this assignment but I think there is a distinct

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possibility that I can get him.) Mr. Dulles also suggested [redacted] as a possibility and said that while it would leave him in a great hole he would be willing to talk to Jack again about coming to my Office if I wanted him to. I told him that I appreciated this very much but knew it would leave him in a hole, that Jack knew this, and, under the circumstances, believed that Jack's decision would be as it was before, i.e., to stay with the Director. (I told Jack about this and he seemed appreciative of the Director's thinking of him but agreed with me that he should stay where he was for the time being.)

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3. Mr. Dulles asked me how [redacted] was getting along as Chief of the Management Staff. I told him that I thought things were going along very well, that I had had a very heart-to-heart talk with John when he took over this job, and that I felt he was making a sincere effort not to offend people in his dealings with them, his past major weakness in my opinion. I also told him that John and I had agreed that his No. 1 contribution should be in the manpower field but that it was too early yet to tell what he would produce. I informed him that John was about half-way finished with a detailed survey of the FE Division and that we would be able to get a better evaluation of his performance when this was completed. Mr. Dulles asked me to tell John that he would expect him to come up with about a twenty per cent reduction in this Division. He also asked me to have John stop by to see him sometime within the next two weeks to have a chat about the manpower situation; this, I have done.