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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 14 November 1955

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick,
██████████, ██████████, Sheldon, ██████████

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Noted in a conversation with Herbert Hoover yesterday, Mr. Hoover again expressed interest in ██████████ and had asked that we send him a memorandum on the situation there he could hand to ██████████. The Director also asked for a report as to what CIA is doing and attempting to do in this area.
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b. Referred to a proposed letter to the Secretary of State requesting that the State Department declare persons non grata

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c. Noted he had received a call from US Ambassador to Cuba, Arthur Gardner, who is strongly protesting a proposal by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that IGNS assign representatives to Cuba for the purpose of deciding what Cubans should and should not come to the U.S. Mr. Dulles said Amb.

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Gardner informed him that if such action is taken [redacted] will suffer. Mr. [redacted] noted that [redacted] is the most knowledgeable person in CIA on this problem and undertook to have him prepare a memo the Director might use as a basis for making a reply to Amb. Gardner.

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ACTION: DD/P.

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e. Noted he was still concerned about the lack of CIA activity in the International Communism field. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that Messrs. [redacted] had been standing by to give the Director a briefing on this problem. Mr. Dulles said he would prefer that they make a report to him in writing. ACTION: IG.

f. Referred to the Alsop column in today's Washington Post and Times Herald and asked DD/P to: 1) obtain a copy of the recent George Kennan letter referred to therein; 2) invite George Kennan to lunch. The Director will attend.

Mr. Wisner:

Reported on his recent trip to South America.

Col. White:

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Referred to a letter from the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service requesting what steps can be taken by CIA to reduce its strength by 10 per cent and briefly discussed our proposed reply which the Director said he would sign. Mr. Dulles also approved Col. White's suggestion that a committee be appointed composed of representatives of DD/P, DD/I and DD/S to study this problem under the general guidance of the IG. It was noted that [redacted] would be the IG's overall supervisor for this project.

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