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Chief, Intelligence School

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OTR Briefing Officer

SUBJECT:

Weekly Activities Report #34 20 - 26 September 1961

BRIEFINGS OF SENIOR US OFFICIALS

I. On 20 September a briefing was conducted for Mr. Lincoln Gordon, newly appointed Ambassador to Brazil. Participants in the briefing were Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, and the Messrs.

Bissell.

2. On 22 September a briefing was conducted for Mr. Charles W. Cole, newly appointed Ambassador to Chile. Participants in the briefing were the Messrs. Dulles, Bissell,

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3. On 22 September a briefing was conducted for Mr. Charles F. Darlington, newly appointed Ambassador to Gabon. Participants in the briefing were the Messrs. Dulles, and

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4. On 22 September a meeting was held at State with Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Deputy Director of Intelligence and Research, to arrange a briefing on CIA for Mr. Hughes. Mr. Hughes is a Balliol man (B. Phil., 1949) and a former Administrative Assistant to Senator Humphrey and Congressman Bowles.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS COURSE

On 21 September a briefing on CIA was given for the 13 students in State's current Administrative Operations Course. After the briefing there was a one-hour question and answer period in which numerous questions were asked and comments made on various aspects handled

this part of the program--and handled it exceedingly well. The group as a whole offered the most constructive and fairest criticism

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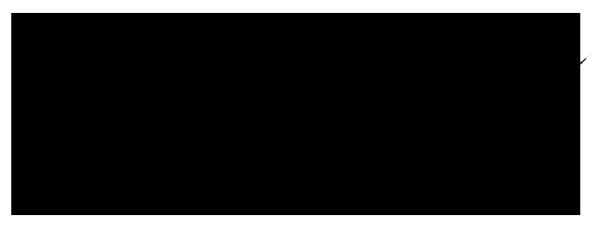
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BRIEFING OF SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICIALS

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DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING

On 26 September this program was conducted for 36 persons from State, Navy, Air Force, and USIA.

CIA INTRODUCTION

On 25 September this program was conducted for $73\ EOD^{\,\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{s}$.

BRIEFING OF COORDINATION STAFF

nembers of the DCI's Coordination Staff, including
and Part of the session was devoted to a briefing on
CIA organization and part to a documented historical and legal
analysis of the coordinating responsibilities of the DCI and of
CIA.

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2. It came as a surprise to most of the members to be told that there was no statutory justification for making a real separation in the coordination field between the DCI and CIA. The statute specifically assigns the coordinating responsibility to CIA as an Agency and not to the DCI as a person. In doing so, Congress knew of and specifically departed from the Presidential Directive of January 1946, which established CIG and which assigned functions not to CIG but to the DCI. Further, the statute Itself shows that

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Congress was aware of the distinction when it assigned the protection of intelligence sources and methods to the DCI as a person, but the coordinating responsibility to CIA as an Agency. While it is true that the NSC (NSCID #1) has made the DCI-CIA distinction and spoken of the DCI as the coordinator rather than CIA as the coordinating Agency, it is a question of focusing the coordinating responsibility on the man heading CIA. Any other reading, which would deny any coordination responsibility to CIA as an Agency, would be contrary to the statute. The NSC cannot repeal the statute. It is a question of the NSC feeling that the concept of the person of the DCI as coordinator would be more palatable to the other intelligence agencies than that of CIA as the coordinating Agency. The NSC directive is procedural in its impact and does not alter the substantive rights assigned to CIA by the statute.

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3. There has been a tendency on the part of some of the members of the Coordination Staff--understandably, because they want to emphasize their impartiality--to differentiate so sharply the so-called "two hats" that they, in effect, tend to downgrade CIA as an Agency. This is particularly dangerous these days. It plays into the hands of those who would separate the "two hats"--downgrading CIA and upgrading the DCI right into the White House or State, bringing with him ONE and OCI. The Air Force representative on the Coordination Staff favors the complete separation of the two responsibilities. Those who favor it in State and in the White House seem to have come to the realization that it cannot be done without changing the statute. That such a change will be attempted is a distinct possibility.

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