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Official Diary
(Acting DD/I)

Tuesday, 23 December 1952

1. At morning meeting stated that we were prepared to furnish the incoming Secretary of State with the standard issue of daily materials at his Commodore office. DCI expressed his satisfaction.

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2. [REDACTED] spoke with John Foster Dulles, Esq., in New York, to inform him that our current materials would be delivered starting tomorrow, 24 December. Mr. Dulles stated that he would be taking a holiday and requested that the material not be furnished him until Monday morning, 29 December.

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3. At morning meeting mentioned the sensitive item about nuclear espionage. [REDACTED] said FBI would have it in check.

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4. Conferred with [REDACTED] Raised ceiling proposal. He took it under advisement but did not hesitate to indicate his general concurrence and willingness to stimulate recruiting up to the T/O level, provided actual "on boards" did not exceed the ceilings.

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5. Also put up to [REDACTED] question of proselyting or rather receiving as defector one [REDACTED] a top photogrammetrist who is currently in a cul de sac in BuAir of the Navy. He undertook to see what could be done to obtain his services for us rather than to have them lost to the Government entirely.

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6. Conferred with [REDACTED] on paper to form basis of Sheldon discussion with [REDACTED] on taking over China PT Section.

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7. Conferred seriatim with [REDACTED] Wisner on Project [REDACTED]. Much somewhat unco-ordinated staff study has gone on throughout the Agency as a result of the ill-advised low level contacts made by Air Force Colonel Leghorn. In my opinion after consulting with all concerned and also Wisner, the time has come to present this thing formally to the IAC and to recommend that the latter appoint an ad hoc committee to present the intelligence viewpoint with respect to this huge development program. Composition of a committee could well be the Chairmen, respectively, of the EIC, SEC, Watch Committee, and IPC. That would produce representation of the Services, DD/P and the DD/I, with an approximative reasonable balance between them. For the moment, it is left with me to call Colonel Shriver and then General Samford to find out what, if any, intra-Air Force politics were involved in the relative exclusion of A-2 from the Project so far. Assuming that there is no objection, I shall then recommend to DCI that the matter be noticed for the next IAC Meeting and that General Craigie be informed accordingly. Leghorn, unfortunately, is away on leave until 5 January.

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9. Rear Admiral Lalor, Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, advised Acting DD/I, "off the record," that the Joint Chiefs had considered our Summary Evaluation paper shortly following our joint conference and that General Bradley would call the Director to suggest a further conference at which details could be ironed out and personalities considered for the Steering Committee. Meanwhile, Lalor was of the opinion that co-ordination with IIC and ICIS should be deferred. From the tone of his comments, it may be inferred that the Chiefs had favorably considered our general proposals.

10. Lunched with ^{25X1A9a} [redacted], who stated that the ^{25X1A2g} [redacted] on estimating the effects of continuation of the anti-trust proceedings against the oil companies was going badly for lack of data. After conferring with Wisner, recommended to the staff of the Board that a circular cable requesting on-the-spot appreciation be despatched to selected countries to build up some support for the estimate.

11. Attended PRC Meeting.

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12. Talked briefly with Wisner about [redacted] project which his people had approved subject only to a few minor changes of emphasis. With his concurrence, bucked it to O/IC for formal processing rather than waiting DD/CI's return.

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