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Official Diary  
(Acting DD/I)

Friday, 12 December 1952

1. At morning meeting, mentioned the cable indicating Mossadeq was re-negotiating the 1921 treaty with Russia.

2. DCI brought up the vacuity of O/SI memorandum on flying saucers and I explained that AD/SI did not wish to go further until he had checked the evidence, that he was en route to ATIC at Wright Field and therefore recommended to DCI that he not brief the President on this subject this morning. He concurred.

3. Conferred with Wisner on the Admiral Espy briefing and gave in to his wish that operational matters not be discussed in a DD/I room before people without need-to-know; therefore altered the program slightly so that the DD/I stuff will be presented at the O/CI Situation Room and [redacted] will take Admiral Espy over to "I" Bldg. for a continuation.

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4. Wisner mentioned something about an exchange with [redacted] DCI said for Amory to carry on with it (Amory never having heard of same before). After the meeting Wisner, [redacted] and Amory conferred and it became very clear that the matter was 99.9% DD/P interest and so Wisner agreed to relieve Amory.

5. At General Smith's direction, requested the services of the JCS Briefer on Korea to participate in the Eisenhower briefings. Colonel Lansing called to say that the JIC "would be delighted" to participate furnishing [redacted] until he retires and thereafter [redacted]. He also offered to take over the Indochina stuff but I balked on this. Turned the matter over to Sheldon for further co-ordination.

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6. DCI hastily read the Summary Evaluation paper and said it was O.K. He also agreed to the changes I proposed on the basis of [redacted] suggestions. I then went over to [redacted] and worked the changes in with him and arranged for re-production. Later in the day [redacted] called to say that he had made a careful study of the substantive outline of the Evaluation and found it "excellent" and extended his congratulations to all concerned.

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7. Attended Board-IAC Deputy Meeting on [redacted]. Much general wind was expended but when I left Sherman Kent was planning to use the Board's draft and Air Force changes as the basis for specific discussion leaving to State the opportunity to provide a "supplement" rather than "dissent" in order to present their somewhat more wide-ranging views involving the friendly situation.

8. Attended O/RR Consultant Meeting and lunched with same. Topic of discussion was the Government-wide picture on economic intelligence. [redacted] carried the ball very well. The general reaction initially of the consultants was that NSCID 15 was nowhere near strong enough and Economic Intelligence should undoubtedly be taken over as a service of common concern to be performed by CIA/RR.

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9. Conferred with [ ] on the Guatemalan situation. This is pretty horrifying from procedural point of view. As I get it, DCI is annoyed at Assistant Secretary Miller's calling off assistance to a revolutionary group. [ ] boys thereupon produced intelligence which would support renewing our assistance. This intelligence was then evaluated by the Inspector General, who drafted a memorandum for DCI to send to the Under Secretary of State. Only at this last stage did it occur to DCI and D/DCI that this really raw information should be evaluated by the DD/P evaluators and O/CI; so this is laid on more as a matter of final editing of a finished policy opinion than as part of the intelligence process. Wisner feels just as grimly about this as I do.

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10. Conferred briefly with [ ] who reported some observations from the consultants at last night's dinner, indicating that some of them thought we were undertaking too ambitious a program in O/RR.

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11. Conferred with [ ] who are highly exercised because despite the agreement worked out with [ ] in a meeting chaired by [ ] the DD/P people were insisting that all pouched material come over open and then be edited to see whether it had been properly sanitized from the point of view of cryptonyms, pseudonyms, etc. This is obviously impossible on background material so the net result is that a wheelbarrow load of O/SI documents have been bounced back in their face with the word that they cannot be sent to [ ] unless made to conform to DD/P type papers. Called [ ] who said he had no idea this was going on and did not approve of it and would stick by his words to the extent he had action in the matter. He called back to say that this had come out of the Records Integration Branch and other administrative cells of the DD/P and that one [ ] had the action. I then designated [ ] the DD/I representative we had working out with [ ] and failing this to report to me the exact state of the difference so I could pound it out with Frank Wisner in person. It is utterly foolish as the [ ] has cubic yards of unsanitized material that has been sent over there during the past two years.

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12. At [ ] request, called Mrs. Dulles at NPA to find out what assistance she wanted from us. She was out and said she would call back but did not.

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13. Dined with [ ] but talked mostly sailing.

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