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(Acting DD/I)

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Tuesday, 2 December 1952

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1. At the morning meeting got confirmation from DCI of his consent to have [redacted] stationed [redacted] Eisenhower's return. This will put us in a position to give quickie briefings because [redacted] has general intelligence com-25X1A9a petence, can write, speak well, and provide his own graphic support.

2. Also at the morning meeting, reported that General Porter had yesterday expressed to me the concern of the Joint Chiefs over the reported major explosion in the Lake Chad region. They pointed out that the distance from this point to the region in Siberia where Russia is known to be conducting atomic and guided missile experimentation would be approximately that from appropriate USSR launching sites to major US target and requested maximum effort to find out the truth about this explosion. Wisner agreed to lay on collection requirements through

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[redacted] while I agreed to furnish [redacted] who was at the meeting with the necessary background information. Directed [redacted] to prepare such a sheet after consultation with O/SI, et al. 25X1A9a25X1A9a

3. In connection with suggestion of FW for the appointment of a certain individual as consultant, DCI expressed alarm at the number of our consultants and the danger to our secrecy. He went on, however, to point out that consultants had real value to the research offices, especially O/RR and that in general he would approve the requests for such expert services but would take a dim view of appointing general area experts to aid the DD/P side.

4. Attended Agency selection panel to determine candidates for the Spring Session of the Harvard Business School Advance Management Program. I outlined the requirements and objects of the course and [redacted] supplemented these 25X1A9a Candidates were presented from O/SI, O/RR and DD/A. Voting on preferential basis, 25X1A9a [redacted] came out on top and [redacted], O/RR, number two. [redacted] is going to try 25X1A9a and get two slots for this session. 25X1A9a

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5. Attended Briefing given by O/SI on Russian chemical warfare developments.

6. 12:30 - 3:30 on various O/RR problems.

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7. Jack Todd, Foreign Service Officer, stationed in the [redacted] called to get a fill-in [redacted] Rubber Study and the hassle between O/RR and State during the preparatory phase. Gave him a narrative discussion which seemed to satisfy him completely. He confirmed my views that the agreed estimate was highly desirable and that the outcome had been satisfactory although it would have been preferable had State not engaged in dilatory tactics so that we might have come up with a specific and agreed estimate on critical items, such as production, consumption and stockpiles. He indicated that for now the matter was somewhat academic with Ceylon and Indonesia tossing off all attempts to curtail their shipments.

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8. Attended special meeting of the Senior Staff which was addressed by Ambassador George McGhee from Turkey and Henderson from Iran. The following highlights might be noted:

a. Turkey - Tremendous natural resources, capable of supporting triple its present population of twenty-one million.

Currently undergoing a great boom with free private enterprise favored.

Excellent military schools - in fact, the best in the world outside U.S., U.K., and Germany.

Turks are convinced, and are gradually convincing others that the key to the defense of the Middle East lies in East Turkey rather than the approaches to the Suez.

Next to Turkey, Pakistan is the strongest nation on which to base defense hopes in that area.

b. Iran - The Iranians labor under a national psychosis of loneliness and the feeling that they are perennial underdogs. They are brilliant, particularly in conversation,

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c. He regards NIE-75 as a good paper but too optimistic in that it attempts to predicting courses of action by the Iranians under given circumstances. Henderson feels that if he goes back empty-handed things will take a turn for the worse and that if very shortly after the inauguration of Eisenhower something tangible is not forthcoming,

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d. He alluded to floods of letters received after each American step stating in effect "I have long loved America but after yesterday's event, I and all my sisters, cousins, and aunts are joining the Tudeh party."

e. He said that twenty top organizers had entered Iran in July, with instructions to take six months to prepare for trouble; that the Qavan took them by surprise. Henderson is of the opinion that if the Tudeh preparations had been complete, they could have taken over the country during that turmoil.

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f. As to the Shah, he feels that the outlook is not hopeless but that for the moment the Shah has lost all respect of his immediate circle primarily because of his failure to stand up on behalf of Senate. On the other hand, there is a residuum of goodwill and respect for him in the outlying villages so that if another time of troubles comes and the Shah acts resolutely, he might still turn out to be successful in establishing himself as a real leader; however, Henderson seriously doubts if he has the character to do so.

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9. At the Deputies' Meeting, Friday, 28 November 1952, Mr. Dulles reported that [redacted] had raised the question of publishing on an unclassified basis certain nonsensitive [redacted] Reports and that Under Secretary Bruce was inclined to favor this; however, he (DDCI) recommended that the Director place this problem before the PSB at their next luncheon or possibly State should act on this request. The Director noted that the Russians were quick to dry up any sources when they became aware of information obtained therefrom. After some discussion, the DCI undertook to discuss this matter with the members of the PSB.

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