

Official Diary
Acting DD/I

Wednesday, 12 November 1952

1. At the General's morning meeting, obtained his consent to cancel the IAC meeting, there being nothing to bring before it but the revised SIE-5, which all concerned feel can well wait a week.

2. Also at the morning meeting advised DCI of the meeting of the Board of National Estimates and its consensus that NIE-40 should be dropped as an Estimate because its assumptions are anomalous, its time limitation nullifies its use for long-range planning, and because circulation of EIC contributions should be adequate to service it, etc. DCI expressed no disagreement.

25X1A5a1 3. Asked DCI whether [redacted] had disclosed anything
25X1A5a1 of interest to the DD/I area. He indicated not, but said he had a lot of
25X1A5a1 detailed information which could be obtained by O/RR or [redacted] I suggested that
we pump [redacted] our consultant, first, and he concurred. Later in the day, a
meeting to debrief [redacted] was set up for Friday, 21 November. 25X1A2g

4. Advised DCI and D/DCI of the transmission of the Special Estimate on Austrian Security, coordinated only with G-2, to Secretary of Defense. D/DCI expressed some surprise at the optimistic conclusions of the Estimate, but DCI expressed no objection to forwarding it to Sec/Def.

25X1A6a 5. Called DCI's attention to cable [redacted] stating that an unknown
25X6A source (unknown because pseudonym unknown to anyone in this part of the Agency) 25X6A
25X6A had predicted that [redacted] National Security Council [redacted]

25X1A9a steps to have this evaluated by [redacted] O/CI, et al. DCI said, "Ouch." Taking

25X1X7 6. Called General Porter's Office and made strong request that the papers
resulting from [redacted] Conference on Military Action in Asia be made
available to CIA. His Captain Herbert (?) agreed that we had a legitimate interest
and indicated the request would be honored.

7. Attended PRC meeting -- a complete and inexcusable waste of time from
DD/I's point of view -- made my position very clear that the procedure should be
radically revised so that DD/I would not have to twiddle his thumbs and then pass
on details of measures and proposals he could not possibly evaluate on the basis
of information furnished. D/DCI, DD/A and DD/P all agreed that a complete re-
vamping of the procedure should be accomplished promptly.

25X1A9a 8. Conferred with [redacted] on the future use of the Harvard Advance Manage-
25X1A9a ment Program for our training. He had just been interrogated by Col. Baird in OTR.

25X1A6a 9. Conferred with [redacted] on the Handling of the special sensitive opera-
tion [redacted] Directed him to be guided on all questions by DD/P.

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10. Conferred with [redacted] of Personnel on recruiting problems of O/RR, particularly the position of Chief of Research, GS-17.

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25X1A9a 12. Conferred with [redacted] on a proposed draft of functions for the Intelligence Career Officer Selection Panel. Sent [redacted] to the meeting with 25X1A9a flat instructions to represent the DD/I Offices as unalterably opposed to the present draft, especially paragraph 3 b. which excludes, from the review procedures, any negative action taken with respect to an applicant by Security, 25X1A9a Personnel or the Medical Office. [redacted] later reported that DD/A recommended the proposal for further study.

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13. Conferred with [redacted] regarding the distribution of the National Intelligence Digest. Also suggested to him that the recipients of the Digest be furnished with a copy of Sherman Kent's diagrammatic explanation of modifying words, such as "probably," "almost certain," etc.

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14. Discussed with [redacted] the advisability of a Special Estimate on the Yugoslavian Economic Situation. I expressed some skepticism and he undertook to produce concrete reasons why such an effort should be laid on.

15. Called Col. Whipple, G-2, to protest the failure of G-2 to live up to the promises made by Whipple at a meeting in August, attended by DD/I and most of the IADs. Specifically called to his attention two requests for visits that had been either rejected or diddled around for months. He promised action by himself or Col. Cloverdale, to remedy the matter. I indicated that he better had clear this thing up or I would present the matter to General Partridge.

16. O/CI CIR for 7 November contained a rather alarming piece on the deterioration of political stability in the Punjab. Sought opinions from O/NE and NEA and was assured that the picture was accurate as to facts but overdrawn as to portent. Hence, dropped embryonic thoughts of suggesting an IAC estimate.

17. Discussed with Mr. Sheldon, Tripartite Conference at Saigon and action to be taken as a result of LEB's talk with Captain Layton and cabled report thereon. Sheldon and [redacted] had studied all the relevant documents, were in touch with FI and, upon receipt of finalized agenda, would prepare the necessary 25X1A9a briefs.

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25X1A9a 18. Also discussed special sensitive material from New York City: Sheldon convinced this stuff is not worth the risks we are incurring in getting it. However, [REDACTED] disagrees. I said I would call his opinion to Wisner's attention.

19. Re NSCID No. 9 Sheldon gave me an interim report on negotiations with the FBI over their differences. FBI is certainly taking a regrettable and childish attitude. (See memo for the record dated 12 November.)

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25X1A9a 21. Re Supergrade positions -- Agreed that slot now held by [REDACTED] objectively is worth only a GS-15, but that for morale purposes it would be highly undesirable to have it downgraded during his incumbency. I promised to fight for him on this.

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22. [REDACTED] will be here Friday, 21 November, from 11:00 to 1:00; therefore agreed to postpone the usual Friday briefing until 1400 that day.

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