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Official Diary
Acting DD/I

Monday, 10 November 1952

1. At the Director's morning meeting, raised the question of Assistant Attorney General Emmerglick's statement to the court in the International Oil Cartel case (transcript of argument pp. 849, 850) that there had been established a "mechanism" involving cooperation of the Department of Justice, CIA, Defense, and State, to protect the national interest in reaching decisions as to the use of documents. I also called attention to his statement "if the court wants to be reassured I can offer a conference with Mr. Allen Dulles." DCI said "NO" as to the latter and later D/DCI explained that Emmerglick must have been alluding to NSC Senior Staff consideration of the problem a while back and also trying to pull [redacted] leg. Am leaving this pretty much to the General Counsel's Office and assume D/DCI will keep them and me informed of any action he takes as a member of the NSC Senior Staff. 25X1A9a

2. Also at the meeting, raised the question of clearing Cabot Lodge for Special in view of his appointment, by Eisenhower, as chief liaison man with National Security Agency. D/DCI said leave that to one of the major departments. I also called attention to the desirability of making available to Senator Lodge a copy of [redacted] DCI had no comment. A final suggestion that DCI might care to invite Lodge to an IAC meeting was not favorably received. 25X1A2g

3. Attended O/NE Board Meeting to consider draft of NIE-40, "Consequences of Loss of Western Europe to USSR." It was the consensus of the meeting that major assumptions and limitations on the estimate rendered it a rather futile exercise. Specifically, the assumptions that there would be no destruction and that the Soviet would not systematically loot the Western European Plant, while at the same time preparing for an invasion, are extremely unrealistic. Furthermore the two year limitation makes the estimate useless in as far as long term considerations are concerned. It was pointed out that the estimate was originally laid on by the board and strongly backed by DCI because of the light it might throw on USSR's intentions. That is to say the amount they might be tempted by such a rich prize lying helpless before them; and, of course, this condition has been radically altered in the period '49-'52. It was agreed that the Secretary of the board should notify the other IAC agencies of this thinking and ask their views on the desirability of abandoning 40 as an Estimate and instead circulating to appropriate offices the EIC contributions. Acting DD/I undertook to inform DCI of this.

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