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Monday, 13 October 1952

25X1A6a 1. After reading General Counsel's memorandum for the record on [redacted] I phoned Mr. Houston and indicated to him my belief that this case had not been sufficiently coordinated with General Counsel and undertook in the future to insure, so far as it was within my power, that General Counsel would be brought into all discussions and policy determinations on matters of this character.

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2. Attended O/NE Board meeting, at which I expressed some concern about the use of limited resources for estimates on the probability of loss of specified areas.

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4. Had several discussions with Park Armstrong and Admiral Wenger respecting the exclusion clause in the Brownell directive and we finally agreed to end the clause with the words "finished intelligence."

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6. [redacted] indicated that he would be unable to attend the IADs' meeting on Tuesday, but I undertook to review the budget questions and then have a talk with him on Wednesday.

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7. Was briefed by [redacted] on a discussion with General Eisenhower which occurred during his recent briefing.

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8. Chatted with the [redacted] Chiefs who are in Washington for their annual meeting.

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9. Offered to brief either or both Frank Nash and Undersecretary Foster in preparation for their forthcoming trip. This was done through [redacted] and I alerted Mr. Sheldon, who later informed me that his people would be on call from 8:30 A. M. on Tuesday.

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10. Chatted with Colonel Baird and Messrs. [REDACTED] and Reber respecting problems of training. I made the following two points:

a. As respects the lecture series, I suggested one each quarter covering what the primary consumers expect of the intelligence community, including such discussions of the policy-making process as would be needed to clarify these requirements. This, it seemed to me, would satisfy the needs of the Intelligence Offices at present.

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b. I requested Messrs. Baird and [REDACTED] to contact each of the Intelligence ADs and attempt with them to work out the general principles governing allocation of strength to training for planning purposes. The final determination as to whether substantive training was needed would have to be made by the ADs who were responsible for substantive results. Colonel Baird indicated agreement with this view, since he felt that training was a service office. When he raised the question of the DCI's requirement that incoming personnel receive an indoctrination course, I pointed out that indoctrination could be given when working at a desk as well as sitting in class, so I expected no difficulty from directives of this character.

11. Dr. Kent consulted me on a question of evaluation forms and I indicated that I would like to speak to the Director about this and see him later.

12. Talked with Colonel Coverdale and Colonel Erickson, Army and Air Force ad hoc Committee representatives, respectively, respecting the formation of the medical working conference under SEC. Both Coverdale and Erickson indicated willingness to have effective liaison and working level meetings, but both continued to be reluctant on forming a number of working conferences under SEC. We finally agreed that the medical working conference would be organized under charter by SEC, said charter to have as its terminal date the implementation of recommendations under the six-months' survey. In other fields, it might well be possible to work out our problems by having O/SI representatives sit in with JTIC subcommittees in some cases. Later reviewed our discussions with [REDACTED] of O/SI and he agreed that this last procedure should be followed in securing action with respect to BW, in response to Secretary Lovett's recent letter. I also raised with Coverdale and Erickson the question of Military representatives developing a Defense Department position in FTIC subcommittees, before coming to SEC. I felt that it would be much better to develop the Defense position at SEC in the open and if they would do this I was sure that there would be greatly increased confidence. Both indicated that a certain amount

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of Defense liaison was necessary, but disclaimed any intent to formulate rigid Defense views on SEC matters outside of SEC. I finally requested these Colonels to inquire from time to time how the scientific experience was working out, since we should talk about the problems occasionally, and they undertook to do so.

13. Presented to DCI the summary evaluation paper and he signed the letter of transmittal. I attempted to get in touch with Mr. Whearty in order to give him an opportunity to produce any ICIS amendments, but, being unable to do so and after consulting with General Samford, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Gleason of the NSC Secretariat, I gave instructions that the evaluation should go forward on Tuesday morning. A special advance copy is being sent to Mr. Noyes for Mr. Lovett, at Noyes's request.

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