

Deputy Director's Staff Meeting

28 December 1950

1. Lengthy discussion of psychological warfare and the report to the NSC on the national psychological effort. Mr. [] reported that he had suggested to Mr. VanSlyck that the NSC senior staff amend the report by a footnote stating that with reference to para 1.b. the DCI reserves his opinion pending a study of the capabilities of the agency for assuming this responsibility. In discussion it was generally agreed that under the reorganization of O/RR there was no place for psychological warfare intelligence and that CIA's maximum effort in this respect would be to supply finished intelligence from O/RR and O/SI and to provide estimates.

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2. There was discussion of the weakness of the organization, highlighted by the current position the agency has been placed in on psychological warfare, where an agency representative on a committee has committed the organization without the policy approval of the Director. To correct this it was suggested that Mr. Reber's office tighten the control over all agency representatives on interagency committees; that all such representatives be required to submit a report to Mr. Reber and to the Executive Assistant; that the Director's Office issue statements of policy on such matters for the immediate guidance of the agency. In this connection it was pointed out that the AD/RR at the present time might further clarify confusion in that area.

3. Mr. [] reported that Maxwell Field had requested a speaker.

4. There was discussion of the Director's answer to the Bolling memo on the Watch Committee, in which CIA agreed with the G-2 position provided it was understood the Watch Committee would be on an all-source basis.

5. It was reported that Gordon Bean of the AEC had replied to the O/RR request for "A" or "B" clearance for approximately 100 people, with the statement that AEC was engaged in controversy with the Department of Defense on that subject and could not give clearance at the present time.

6. There was discussion of the confusion in O/RR and Mr. [] suggested that if [] was not going to be able to come on board immediately that Mr. [] take over O/RR simultaneously with O/SS in order to bring some element of organization into it.

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