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DAILY STAFF MEETING

Thursday, 10 January 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Becker, Reber, [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]

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1. Mrs. [redacted] noted there would be no Senior NSC Staff Meeting this afternoon and that Mr. Dulles would go to PSB meeting vice the DCI. (Later during the morning the DCI decided to attend).

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2. Mr. Reber reported that he was having an informal meeting this morning with representatives of State and PSB on Psychological Warfare research problems.

3. Mr. Becker said there probably would not be an AD meeting until Monday, 14 January.

4. Mr. Becker announced that Mr. [redacted] would be the Executive Assistant to the Director and was already assuming some of the duties. The personnel problem will be difficult during the position shifts -- Mr. Becker to DD/I and Mr. [redacted] to Exec. Ass't -- and until additional personnel arrive (Capt. [redacted] is expected in a few days).

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5. A brief discussion resulted from Col. [redacted] raising the question of advising Sen. Taft of some of the Agency's activities in light of recent adverse criticisms made by the Senator. It was recognized that, during the campaigns to follow, much harm could result from Sen. Taft's complete lack of knowledge of certain Agency activities. Col. [redacted] has discussed this matter briefly with Mr. Pforzheimer and is to pursue it further before presenting a recommendation to the DCI. Col. [redacted] stated that final approval would undoubtedly have to come from the White House.

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7. Mr. Becker requested Mr. Reber to authorize OCD to call interested offices direct (as they now do for the DCI) re arrival in Washington of VIP's.

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