

DEPUTIES MEETING

Monday, 9 March 1953

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PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Amory, [redacted]
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Mr. Dulles:

a. Briefly discussed his conversation with the Under Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles S. Thomas, and Captain Parish, USN, concerning [redacted] and noted that the Navy was very disturbed over the publicity it was receiving in regard to [redacted]. The Director noted that while he did not wish to be stamped into "giving in", he was seeing Colonel Baird at 11:00 A.M. today. Mr. Wolf reported that a call had been received from Senator Knowland's office indicating that the Senator was aware of the hassle over this Project and would stand behind us 100%.

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b. Raised the question of a sign at the "E" Street entrance to the Agency which would indicate "Central Intelligence Agency", and after some discussion it was agreed that such a sign should be placed at this point. It was also agreed that signs should be strategically installed from this entrance with arrows which would "point the way" to the Administration Building.

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d. Referred to a cable [redacted] and asked DD/P to see him concerning the several messages [redacted] containing policy guidance with regard to the death of Stalin. Done

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e. Noted a cable [redacted] and directed that the information contained therein be discussed with the appropriate officers in the Department of State. [redacted] undertook to release a copy of this cable to DD/I.

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f. Asked DD/I to furnish him with the full texts of the speeches of Malenkov, Beria and Molotov. Done

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g. Stated he had sent to Jim Angleton some correspondence respecting the non-employment of a constituent of Congressman Wigglesworth [redacted] [redacted], and asked Mr. Wisner to look into this problem. The Director also noted that Angleton knew of [redacted] activities during WW-II in Italy.

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

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Mr. Wisner:

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b. Briefly reported on his meeting yesterday with the PSB staff in connection with the paper on Stalin and noted that a draft had been promised us today. Mr. Becker expressed his interest in this matter and after some discussion DD/I undertook to furnish his comments on this paper upon its receipt in the Agency.

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a. Noted that [Redacted] was prepared to brief the Director on his activities in the war planning field. (NOTE: An appointment is being arranged.)

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c. Reported that notwithstanding the various newspaper and commentator statements that "Washington and the intelligence agencies" were totally unprepared for Stalin's death, CIA did have a prepared plan.

Mr. Amory:

a. Pointed out the possibility of the ChiComs imposing a blockade on Hong Kong as a result of the British agreement to withhold shipment of strategic materials to Red China.

Mr. Becker:

a. Reported that a briefing was being held for senior officers of the IAC agencies on the 24th of this month and he intended to also invite Mr. Cutler and others. The Director indicated he would attend if possible. (NOTE: This briefing is being held in Room 117, Central Building.)

Mr. Wolf:

a. Reported that Jim Garrison had returned from his trip to the Far East and would furnish a report of his findings and recommendations to the Director.

Mr. Wolf (Continued):

b. Stated that Congressman Wiglesworth had suggested that he and selected members of his Committee on Appropriations should receive a briefing from CIA in the near future, and the Congressman would get in touch with him on this matter at a later date.

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a. Stated that a letter had been received from Park Armstrong noting that the recommendations contained in the survey made by CIA under the provisions of [Redacted] had not been carried out. Armstrong had also pointed out that while such action was not the responsibility of the Department of State and/or the CIA, he suggested we

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[Redacted]. After some discussion it was agreed that this was not the responsibility of the CIA, particularly within the overt field, and [Redacted] undertook to draft a reply to Armstrong coordinating with DD/P and Colonel Edwards.

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