

Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 9 February 1953

25X1 PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

25X1 a. Briefly reported on his conversation with General Donovan on  
25X1 7 February and noted, in particular, that (1) Donovan had again recommended  
25X1 [redacted] for employment (NOTE: DDP undertook to ask Tracy Barnes to review  
25X1 [redacted] and furnish his recommendations on this case); (2) in connection  
25X1 with [redacted] Donovan had indicated he knew  
25X1 nothing [redacted] activities and had, in fact, only seen him once since  
World War II.

b. Briefly reported on a conversation he had with Attorney General Brownell in regard to clemency for the Rosenbergs and, after some discussion, asked DDP to review the proposed PSB statement dated 30 December 1952 on this subject as a matter of urgency.

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c. Stated that Mr. Hoover was pressing for limitations to be placed on Soviet diplomatic personnel in the U.S. and Attorney General Brownell had asked what effect such action would have on U.S. diplomats abroad. After some discussion, DDCI asked DDP to furnish his views on this matter, noting that the Soviets could "get around" any restrictions placed on their diplomatic personnel by assigning "tasks" to Russian personnel accredited to the UN.

Mr. Wisner:

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25X1 b. Noted DDCI's cable [redacted] in regard to [redacted] and  
25X1 after some discussion, undertook to dispatch a follow-up message.

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted he had been advised that a briefing had been scheduled for Outerbridge Horsey of the Department of State and two of his assistants, Messrs. Strong and Berry, and stated he had also been advised that Brigadier General John Willems, Deputy ACoFS, G-2, Department of the Army, had also

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

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been invited to be present. After some discussion wherein DDI stated it was not necessary [redacted] to attend the briefing in question, DDP undertook to clear up this matter with [redacted].

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b. Noted that a briefing had been scheduled for Douglas Dillon at 2:30 on 10 February and asked DDCI if he would "kick off" this meeting. Mr. Dulles indicated that he would.

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c. Stated he would urge that Mr. Dulles reconsider the question of briefing the NSC in connection with the Electronics paper to be presented to the Council at its next meeting on Wednesday, 11 February. Mr. Dulles said that in view of the interest generated [redacted] in regard to China trade and the fact that he believed that the Administration would be pressed for comments on this subject by the Congress, he should be prepared to give a short briefing on this matter at the above Council meeting and forego the scheduled presentation on Latin America until a later date. After considerable discussion wherein DDI noted we had not been requested to prepare a paper on the effect of a Chinese blockade, Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Becker to prepare a short briefing on China Trade to be accompanied by a chart indicating the number of tons of shipping received by the ChiComs from the following areas: (1) overseas; (2) coastal; (3) within the Soviet orbit.

Mr. Wolf gave the DDCI a proposed memorandum to the Deputies in regard to the letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget concerning personnel and new construction and, after some discussion, DDCI stated he wished to withhold signature on this memorandum until he had opportunity to discuss it with the Deputies and the Assistant Directors at today's ADs' Meeting.

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