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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 17 September 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Helms, Kirkpatrick, Bissell, [redacted] and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] (IN 46321) and expressed his concern over the fact that the information contained therein was not brought to his attention in sufficient time that it might have been relayed to the Secretary of State in London. The Director asked Mr. Helms to establish a mechanism in his office in order to ensure that dissemination of highly sensitive information is made promptly if warranted. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted the whole problem of distribution of raw intelligence is now being studied and a report should be ready for the Director in about two weeks.

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b. Noted a cable to the Senior Representative, [redacted] (OUT 76880) pertaining to State Department views on the [redacted] political situation, and stated in view of the information contained in this message he felt CIA has gone beyond its responsibilities in the political action field and, in fact, we are attempting to dictate policy. The Director went on to point out that in those instances where the Department of State, for reasons of security, wishes to use our communications channels to relay instructions or matters of policy to its missions, such cables should contain a statement clearly indicating that the information therein is being transmitted at the request of the Department. Mr. Dulles also directed that messages transmitting high-level State policy information and/or directives be brought to the attention of the DD/P for his consideration as to whether DCI should see them prior to dispatch. The Director went on to say that when a request is placed upon CIA to transmit State messages, such requests will be made or confirmed in writing. After some further discussion it was agreed that a further consultation would be held with the appropriate officers in the Department of State respecting the contents of OUT 76880, and a clarifying message would be dispatched to [redacted] indicating the instructions in the message in question were sent at the request of the Department of State.

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