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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 22 December 1954

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell, Sheldon and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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[redacted] Mr. Replier is to study propaganda in general and in his capacity as a consultant to RFE would visit RFE facilities in Munich. The Director said probably we should advise the stations which [redacted] is to visit the nature of his work. However, he saw no reason for the Station Chiefs to get in touch with him. Mr. [redacted] undertook

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to forward to Mr. Helms [redacted] memorandum of interview with [redacted] and a copy of his itinerary.

d. Referred to several cables [redacted] in which it was indicated that apparently the [redacted] are now ready to comply with all requirements to qualify for military aid and noted his intention of discussing this matter at today's OCB Meeting. The Director made it quite clear that this problem is now out of the intelligence/operational stage and has become purely political and he felt, therefore, State should pick up the ball. In any event he said he would speak to [redacted] prior to today's OCB Meeting.

e. Reported on the discussions of several items on the Agenda of the NSC Meeting of 21 December 1954, and noted that

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(2) Secretary of State's Talk Before the NATO Council - The Director said Secretary Humphrey had reported that the subject talk had made quite an impact and asked Mr. Sheldon to obtain several copies of this talk for dissemination to interested CIA components. The Director stated he particularly desired to see a copy of the study referred to pertaining to threats the Soviets had made at the time various treaties were signed. The Director noted that this study apparently had gone back over a number of years and appeared to be worth-while reading; (3) Fourth Force Paper - The Director said this paper was being referred by the Bureau of the Budget to Mr. Nelson Rockefeller and noted a desire to "get after this" as a matter of priority. In this connection the Director noted his intention of discussing the paper at today's OCB Meeting; (4) Indonesia - The Director said Indonesia was "high" on the priority list of the NSC and we should guide ourselves accordingly.

Mr. Wisner:

Briefly reported on his conversation of 21 December with

Messrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., and [redacted] with respect [redacted] he was preparing a memorandum of this which would be furnished the Director. Mr. Wisner said that: (1) the needle is tending to turn in our direction to step-up covert operations in this country; (2) our Ambassador is being ordered back to Washington for consultation; (3) we might expect a request through the OCB to initiate the action indicated in (1) above; (4) no clear-cut decision has been made as to what the U.S. actually wants [redacted] (5) he intended to obtain Messrs. Hoover and [redacted] initials on the memorandum of conversation. The Director said unless firm decisions were reached he did not believe this latter action should be accomplished since he felt that often when people are asked to sign a document which does not come to any hard conclusions they will tend to clam up in future discussions. Mr. Wisner said he agreed with this and.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported that the American Legion had requested a speaker from CIA to talk before its Executive Committee and Committee for Foreign Affairs. The Director approved Mr. Kirkpatrick's suggestion that he (DCI) do this; however, if at the time the Director finds through pressure of other work he is unable to fulfil this commitment, one of the Deputies should make the talk.

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The Director said he did not feel we could open the door to one Member of Congress and not offer to do so to others, and approved Mr. Wisner's suggestion that Congressman Dodd be informed that while this case is before the U.N. we did not think it a good idea to circulate the material, but would have no objection to the Congressman coming here and reading it.

c. Noted Bill Costello had written a letter to the Director and enclosed a copy of a proposed broadcast which in his (Kirkpatrick's) opinion was not good insofar as CIA is concerned. Mr. Kirkpatrick said Colonel Grogan had drafted a

reply to Costello. After some discussion it was agreed that no reply would be sent but that the Director would ask Costello and Ed Murrow to come to Washington to discuss this matter. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he had attempted to get in touch with Murrow yesterday and found he was out of New York.

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