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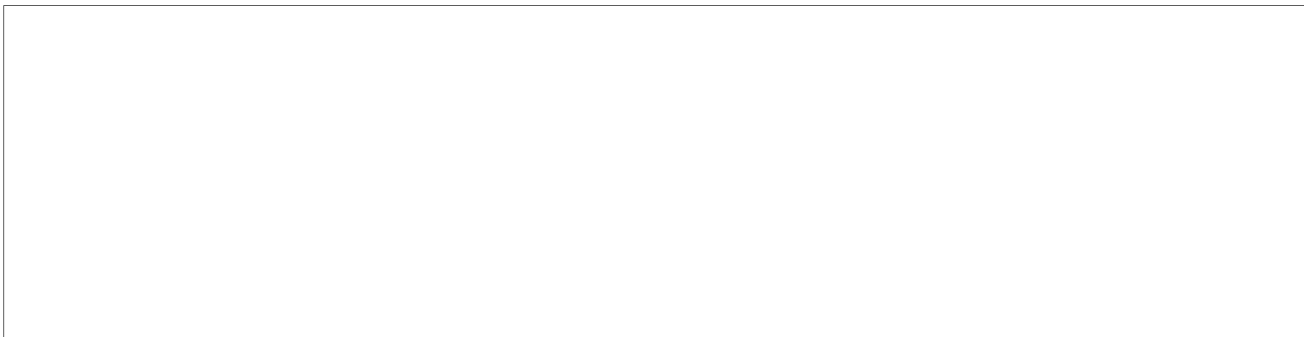
DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Helms,
Mr. Gates Lloyd, [redacted] Mr. Kent, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sheldon, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to the "22 questions" alleging failure on the part of CIA in the recent Cuban invasion and asked Mr. Barnes to prepare complete answers to 4 to 6 of these questions. The Director said he intended to submit these answers and have them made a part of the Taylor Committee Hearings.



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c. Noted that he was not satisfied with the format of the CIB particularly now that the briefs are sometimes as long as the backup. He also commented that it is confusing to the busy reader to have to jump from one area to another. Mr. Sheldon remarked he was totally in agreement with the Director's views and for some time had wanted to eliminate the briefs. However on several occasions he had broached this idea with General Clifton in the White House who was most emphatic in stating that the format should not be changed. After some discussion it was agreed that nothing would be done immediately particularly in view of the President's departure on his trip to Europe. It was also agreed to raise this matter at a later date.

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d. Noted two outgoing cables concerning concerning live drops [redacted] was advised by General Cabell that he was receiving a briefing on these proposed operations today. The Director made it clear that we would insure that policy clearance from the highest levels had been obtained since he was concerned about conducting this operation just at the time of the President's meetings with de Gaulle and Khrushchev.

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