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30 November 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Communication from General Donovan Concerning
Open Letter to [redacted] from Five Hundred
Soviet Exiles

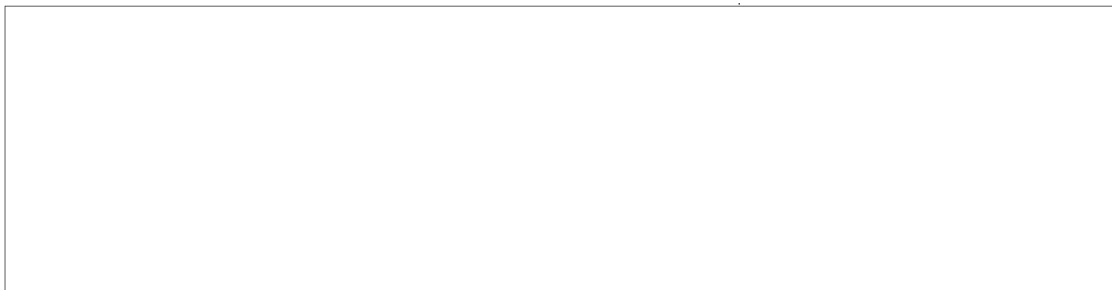
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1. I return to you herewith the letter from General Donovan to General Smith which was sent to me for information or action. You may be interested to know that on the basis of information supplied to me by [redacted] concerning this letter and its writers, and including a copy of the text of the letter and a statement on the part of [redacted] acknowledging himself to be the custodian of the true identities of the signers of this letter, I proposed to Mr. Barrett, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, that the Voice of America make use of this item in its broadcasts. Mr. Barrett agreed that it was a useful item and I have been informed that the Voice made a considerable play of this very effectively written letter. I am not certain whether my recommendation to Mr. Barrett stimulated this action on the part of the Voice or whether the staff of the Voice took this action on its own initiative. In any case, the desired action was taken.

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/ FRANK G. WISNER
Assistant Director for
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fr. Gen. Donovan

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MEMORANDUM FOR LT. GENERAL W. BEDELL SMITH

Attention

November 3rd, 1950

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[Redacted]

Dear Bedell:

There has come to my attention, the following project in New York which is scheduled to take place in the next few days. It is intended to present to [Redacted] a manifesto on behalf of approximately 500 Soviet exiles who are at present in this country. The manifesto will be signed

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accept the delegation -- it is hoped nevertheless to get some publicity out of it -- and maybe -- a picture in the press.

[Redacted] has been alerted and will cooperate in the story.

The value of the story is the publicity it can receive through the Voice -- also in the Russian language (DP) Press in [Redacted]

The manifesto itself is a stirring appeal for Russian liberation and an attack on [Redacted] himself as the

[Redacted]

The group ~~has~~ has organized this effort -- has also organized a small committee called the [Redacted]

[Redacted] - [Redacted]

[Redacted] It is a Committee of Americans -- designed to raise money privately.

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I am writing you about this in the event that upon investigation you may find it useful enough to warrant indirect support. I think Frank Wisner has already been informed by [redacted] of the individuals concerned with this project.

[redacted]
William J. Donovan

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DONOVAN PAPERS

I. Numerous papers pertaining to:

1. Memorandum of establishment of Service of Strategic Information.
2. Functions of OSS
3. Liquidation of OSS
4. Establishment of Central Intelligence Service (JCS 1181/6)
5. Organizational Chart - OSS

Forwarded to the Executive.

II. Notes on the organization of an evaluation group and

Filed.

III. Letter recommending

Your noted on the letter that you knew well and never had a very high opinion of him.

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IV. Letter enclosing a group of names of former OSS members.

Sent to the Executive.

V. A memorandum suggesting the names of a number of prominent people for possible employment and/or as possible consultants.

Sent to the Executive.

VI. Memorandum pertaining to the establishment of a CIA Planning Board which would have cognizance of over-all intelligence projects.

Sent to the Executive.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
DONLARD, NEW YORK

October 13th, 1950

Lieutenant General W. Bedell Smith,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bedell:

Your question today, concerning [redacted] suggests as I indicated to you the matter of organizing an Evaluation Group. It seems to me that the Group itself be men of experience and imagination and constructive intellects. It might include a scholar, a strategist, familiar with the uses and capabilities of the different services - a scientist with knowledge and experience in current inventions, and two to three broad guaged men of affairs.

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A working committee familiar with the skills of research and analysis could collate the information for submission to the Board itself. Final evaluation should be the responsibility of the Board. To impose that duty on the analysts is like a cashier being his own auditor.

All this suggests again the importance to you of setting up an R & A Branch. That should be the intellectual base of the organization. Such a concept, together with the putting under one tent the various essential functions of Secret Intelligence and Operations, place intelligence on a different plane.

The fact that your organization must be set for a long pull prompts the suggesting that in reforming your R & A Branch you might wish to consider the following points:

1. That certain outstanding older and representative economists, scientists and linguistic and other specialists could be placed on a consultative basis; and

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2. That your day to day working echelon could well be organized and run by the younger groups in the 40-year bracket. The interplay of the older with the fresher minds should help you a lot in your day to day operations as well as in your evaluation and other studies.

I have been making inquiries throughout the country as to desirable prospects for you. As reports come in, I will send them to you.

Sincerely yours,



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