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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 23 June 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Col. White, Gen. Truscott, Col. Betts, Mr. Earman

General Smith:

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a. Discussed the Lattimore situation and asked Mr. Hedden to give him a report on this as a matter of urgency. In this connection, the DCI directed that this report in particular take into consideration the following points: (1) should we not restrict dissemination of information contained in our report to State on Lattimore and future similar reports to the FBI and let that Agency make further dissemination as they see fit; (2) should he (DCI) return [redacted] (b)(6) call and advise him to allow the Attorney General to make any statement in connection with the above-mentioned Lattimore trip deemed advisable. Mr. Dulles suggested that it might be well for either him or the Director to call the FBI. The DCI said that he had no objection to Mr. Dulles calling [redacted] and (b)(6) that he intended to call Mr. Hoover. After some further discussion, the Director stated that (1) Mr. Dulles should, in his conversation with [redacted] (b)(6) advise him that it was his (the Director's) intention to advise [redacted] in turn, to inform the Attorney General to make any such statement the Department of Justice might wish regarding the "current Lattimore case;" (2) if as a result of Mr. Hedden's investigation of this matter it was found desirable to restrict dissemination of information as indicated above, a copy of the directive establishing such a procedure would be sent to Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Discussed his conversation with the members of the Independent Offices Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee as reported in the minutes of the Deputies' Meeting on 17 June 1952.

b. Briefly reported on the Swedish plane incident and noted that (1) both of these aircraft were, in fact, shot down by the Russians; (2) the first plane was on a "snooper mission;" (3) the Swedes were attempting to salvage this ship in order to prevent the Soviets from "getting their hands on it".

c. Briefly reported the discussion on the Civilian Defense paper held at the NSC Meeting on 18 June.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Stated that the draft proposed Presidential statement had gone to Admiral Souers. In this connection, he noted that possibly this speech could be used to announce the Princeton statement on U.S. Policy Toward Soviet Satellites.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

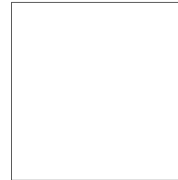
b. Reported that the Australians had been in to see us twice and that both they and the British were ready to hold discussions on liaison and operational matters sometime after the first of September. Mr. Wisner recommended that representatives from the overt and covert offices attend this meeting and noted there was a possibility that he, too, might be able to attend since he had made tentative plans for a trip to the Far East some time after 1 September.

c. Left with the Director a brief report of Mr. Kirkpatrick's recent trip.

Mr. Becker:

a. Left with the Director a paper on the subject of the U.S. being engaged in a de facto war with the Soviets in Korea as previously discussed at an IAC Meeting.

b. Noted that the final Brownell Committee report had been disseminated to State and Defense and that the Secretary of Defense had our copy.



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