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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 1400, 20 November 1953

PLACE: Pentagon

PERSONS PRESENT: Director, ONI and []

COVER USED: None

DISCUSSION: A memorandum was presented to the Admiral outlining in detail the support desired from the Navy for space and services of PBSUCCESS Headquarters in [] The admiral was interested in knowing the nature of this unit and whether or not the provision was for purely cover or only security and what the time element was that was involved. It was explained that the need was for both cover and security and that no operations would be conducted with unofficial personnel within Naval premises. He then questioned the purposes of the unit, stating that he would like to know a little more about it than stated in the memo. Accordingly, he was informed that this unit was organized to implement a required ^{post} placed on CIA by the NSC and that it carried a high priority (operational) with the cooperation of the Department of Defense and Department of State. Although it was not stated in the memo, the admiral was informed that it was a temporary matter, possibly of 6 months duration although 8 months should be allowed for it. Further, it would be appreciated if space is available, same could be ready for occupancy on/about 7 December. The importance of keeping CIA out of the picture was emphasized and fully understood by the admiral.

DECISION: The admiral agreed to determine whether space was available in [] as requested and would so inform Gen. Cabell, at which time detailed negotiations could be worked out.

COMMENTS: It was evident that the admiral had no knowledge of what facilities existed in [] and that he would have to determine same through his channels. He appeared fully cooperative and willing to support the request providing it was convenient to do so.

RECOMMENDATION: To await word from Gen. Cabell as a result of the foregoing action.

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