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Director's Meeting

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The Director noted the item in the log regarding Don Gonzales of the United Press and his feature story on CIA. In this connection he asked Mr. Dulles to see Tony Leviero, a Washington reporter-at-large for the NEW YORK TIMES, when he comes in for guidance on an article he is preparing on U.S. and Soviet propaganda.

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The Director raised the question of our difficulty in the deployment of [REDACTED] and asked whether or not [REDACTED] Mr. Wisner noted he did not believe this was yet a fact and stated he was attempting to get in touch with Bob Joyce. Mr. Wisner also noted that this matter had been discussed on 21 November at the OPC Consultant's Meeting, and General Magruder was of the opinion that we should go forward with this project in order to have our foot in the door if and when [REDACTED]. The Director indicated that in addition to Mr. Wisner's talking to Mr. Joyce, he would also call Mr. Webb. It was also noted that [REDACTED] the present Minister [REDACTED] was more or less against this project and was now here in Washington.

Mr. Dulles raised the question of our participation in the [REDACTED] briefing for the staff of PSB. The DCI stated we should not do this, but there was no objection to Mr. Gray personally seeing a copy of our semi-annual report on Soviet atomic capabilities.

Mr. Dulles noted that in connection with the Kirsten agreement we might well make use psychologically of the fact that the Soviets had not lived up to the terms of the Roosevelt-Litvinov Agreement.

Mr. Dulles raised the question of our reporting purely political matters in the CIB and stated we should coordinate such items with State. DCI said that one of the prime purposes of the CIB was to

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report to the President any and all items we considered important enough to be brought to his attention, and in fact the President had directed CIA to so do. Mr. Wisner stated he had discussed the problem of political reporting during his recent trip. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DCI noted that he assumed that this was in fact being done and stated that in those cases where we disseminate purely political items we might include a statement, if time did not permit prior coordination with State, to this effect. Mr. Dulles will follow through on this matter.

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Mr. Wisner reported that the Bureau of the Budget (Messrs. Schaub and Barber) had asked for a preliminary briefing on the OPC budget and that the briefing was scheduled to take place in the OPC War Room beginning at 10:30 A.M. He further reported that the Senior Consultants from State, Defense and JCS had tentatively suggested that the departments of State and Defense should be called upon to include in their own budgets and to undertake the budget defense of the major part, if not all, of the funds required for OPC operations; and that they had further recommended that the Director give consideration to the advisability of raising this proposal at an early meeting of the PSB.

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The Director then said that he had concluded that we should prepare a comprehensive summary of OPC programs and individual major projects for submission to the Psychological Strategy Board at an early date. This summary should be undertaken by DD/P with the assistance and guidance of [Redacted] and Colonel Johnston, and should include a brief analysis of each program and major project to include the following points:

- a. Name and code name of program or project;
- b. Statement of objective at which directed;
- c. Brief description of program or project;
- d. Status, progress or accomplishment to date of each program or project;
- e. The estimated cost for the balance of the present fiscal year and for the coming fiscal year.
- f. An estimate of additional personnel, logistic and other support required.

The Director suggested that there be only four sets of these booklets prepared, one being retained permanently by CIA and the other three to be submitted to and returned by the other members of the PSB, As soon as the list and summary of programs and major projects has been prepared, the Director will examine it with a view to determining whether he wishes to eliminate certain of the projects or proposals. Thereafter he would propose to submit the list and summary to the members of the PSB with a view to obtaining their determination of the desirability and feasibility of all programs and major projects. He would want to have Mr. Gray, and perhaps one or two very senior members of Mr. Gray's staff, present at the meeting to consider the list and summary.

The Director summarized his thinking and conclusions in this connection as follows:

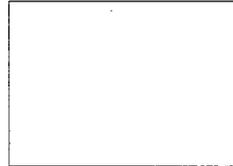
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The Director authorized Mr. Wisner to inform the representatives of the Bureau of the Budget of his intentions and proposed procedure as outlined above.

Mr. Wisner stated he had been asked to give a brief report on his recent trip to JSFD and the Army and Navy Psychological Warfare divisions. The DCI approved this but directed that in the future these people should come here rather than request our personnel on the Deputy Director level to come to the Pentagon.



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