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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Tuesday, 22 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, [redacted] Hedden,
Col. White

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a Joint Chiefs paper (torrential) and [redacted] comments thereon. This paper attempts to define and delineate responsibilities in a theater of war. After some discussion, the Director stated that 1) the paper as now written was not acceptable to CIA; 2) responsibilities mentioned therein should be redefined and more definitely delimited.

Mr. Dulles said that he would undertake to ascertain the actual status of this paper and that presently the Department of State was not in agreement with the paper as proposed. In this connection, the Director stated that if it were possible for CIA to actually decide what we desired in this matter and could get concurrence from State, our proposed changes might be discussed at the Friday luncheon with the Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air. He also noted that in any event the paper in question would have to go before the PSB. [redacted] is going ahead on a redraft of this paper.

b. Stated that he had seen [redacted] from PSB on a certain paper previously discussed which, when approved, would be submitted for consideration of PSB. Suggested that this discussion take place at the luncheon rather than at the full meeting.

c. Noted that there was a Senior NSC Staff meeting on 23 January concerning Southeast Asia and that he intended to discuss with the DCI a paper we had received on this. The Director asked Mr. Dulles to put us on record at the meeting that at the present time our capabilities are still strictly limited in this area.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that there was to be a briefing for a number of high-level State Department people on Thursday at 5:15 in the Director's Conference Room on the subject of guerrilla operations. The DCI indicated that he would attend.

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c. Reported that [] whom we are attempting to get, had seen Gen. Bolling and Bolling had indicated that he, [] should see the Director. Mr. Wisner suggested that he see [] for the DCI. Mr. Becker asked if he and Mr. Douglass could also be present. The Director approved.

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e. Noted that Gen. Merrill's report was on its way to the Director through D/DCI.

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g. Asked if some of his people could see [] (if he goes) prior to his departure for the above mentioned conference. The DCI approved and indicated that someone should attend this conference.

The Director:

a. Referred to his discussion at yesterday's ADs meeting concerning our personnel strength and reiterated that we would not go beyond the figure he mentioned. He went on to say that in the future we must be more selective in our personnel procurement and that if necessary we would curtail our operations. He also noted that there was no way around the fact that sudden large increases of our personnel strength would make us vulnerable security wise. The only exception would possibly be personnel we might secure from the Department of Defense who could be properly handled in the event they might go sour.

b. Asked if there was any provision in our "100 bodies act" which would allow revocation of citizenship of individuals brought in under authority of this act. He stated that this was essential in those cases where these people became an intelligence liability rather than an intelligence asset. Mr. Wisner undertook to follow through on this. Col. White has advised Mr. Houston of DCI's desires in this matter.

Mr. Becker noted that in all probability [] would agree to join the Agency.



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