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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Wednesday, 23 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Earman, Hedden,
Col. White

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The Director:

a. Stated that we should get in touch with William H. Draper and give him a briefing on "a few things he should know". Mr. Wisner noted that he intended to drop a line to Mr. Draper congratulating him on his appointment and he would take this opportunity to ask Draper to come by and see us when he returns from Europe. The DCI approved and said we should not give Draper anything in writing.

b. Referred to yesterday's conversation with Adm. Radford and noted Radford's comments on the Communists and off-shore island operations. He stated that our Estimates people should look into a possible invasion of Formosa. Mr. Becker noted that as a result of Adm. Radford's visit, he had already discussed this with King Douglass. Mr. Wisner said that he had prepared a memorandum of conversation of the Radford meeting and sent copies to AD/SO and AD/PC.

c. Asked if the Communist Party in Cuba was legal and upon being informed that it was inquired if there was anything we could do to slow down the flow of newsprint in this country.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Briefly reported on the Senior Staff meeting held yesterday at which the Southeast Asia paper was discussed and stated that this paper was about where it was two months' ago. He also said that he believed this group would benefit from a talk by Adm. Radford and had mentioned this to Mr. Lay.

b. Noted the item in the log regarding Parson Niemoeller and stated he was a little concerned and that we should proceed with caution in this matter in order that we not "get in too deep" and therefore run the risk of showing our hand.

c. Reported on a conversation he had yesterday with Tom Lane-- Labor Attache in Rome.

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Mr. Wisner:

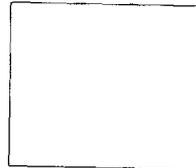
a. Stated that he had talked [redacted] and had very briefly touched on some of our activities. He went on to say that these people could be of use to us and might wish to see him again. The DCI approved.

b. Referred to the item in the log pertaining to [redacted] and said there was a possibility he would be unable to see the DCI. Mr. Earman undertook to follow through on this.

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Mr. Becker briefly commented on [redacted] recent communication concerning the Chinese Communists and stated that in this connection he and Mr. Earman would undertake to submit for the DCI's approval letters to the various Senior Representatives. These letters would contain certain Agency policy decisions and other information pertaining to the area concerned. The DCI approved.

Mr. Hedden noted that [redacted] was coming in to see him on Friday.



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