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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 18 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Earman

Mr. Dulles:

a. Discussed the conversation he had with Congressman Judd and a Father McGuire who has just returned from China. Mr. Dulles noted that Judd was using McGuire in connection with his Committee to take care of non-Communist Chinese refugees and that Judd had offered to assist us. Mr. Dulles also noted that Judd was going to China to talk with the Generalissimo. The Director stated that we should have him in for a talk before he makes his trip.

b. Stated that he had discussed Indochina with Dave Williamson who was just back from there and that Williamson does not have such a "rosey view" of that area as held by other State Department officials. In this connection, Mr. Dulles stated that Williamson had asked the Director's assistance [redacted] The Director said he would discuss this matter with General Gruenther, whom he expects to see sometime this week.

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c. Briefly discussed the forthcoming Economic Conference in Moscow.

[redacted] (NOTE: Mr. Becker has discussed this with [redacted])
The Director also stated, however, that anyone attending this conference would do so "without our official blessing."

d. Noted that he had had an excellent talk with Gen. Truscott prior to his return. In this connection, the Director stated that if Truscott's health failed he would replace him with Admiral Overesch.

Mr. Wolf noted that an employee of CAT had apparently made about \$20,000 running our funds through the black market and had skipped out. The Director stated that we should exercise care as to how we went after this individual in order that security would be preserved.

Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Left with the Director an evaluation of the SO effort together with SO recommendations. Mr. Wisner also undertook to furnish a copy to D/DCI.

c. Noted that he had written a full memorandum concerning guidance from State on the Soviet note. The Director indicated his desire to see a copy of this memorandum. ^{S. 3. 24. 52} Done.

d. Raised the question of the proposed Presidential letter to Gordon Gray, and stated that State was somewhat "jittery." The Director said that a draft of this letter was being sent to Admiral Dennison and that he and Joe Short would work it over and submit it to the President for his signature. After the letter has been signed, Mr. Lay will furnish a copy to Mr. Staats.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Raised the question of contributions to the Red Cross. The Director stated that he had no objection to the cards being circulated; however, it had never been his policy to ask or urge "his people" to contribute to any of the many welfare organizations.

b. Stated that the question of a CIA welfare and recreation league had been raised and that some of our people were desirous of establishing a softball league in the Agency. The Director stated he had no objection provided the League was established within the Agency and there would be no publicity connected with it. Mr. Hedden noted that (1) Security had this in hand; (2) if the League was established, the Agency would not be concerned with its financial arrangements.

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