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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 15 April 1952

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

General Smith:

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a. Noted the item in the Log concerning Ensign Cornog and stated that Colonel Baird would write him a letter of congratulations. *Done*

b. Discussed Col. Baird's proposal of assigning a career CIA officer to the staff and faculty of the National War College and stated that we do not have sufficient qualified officers who could be released for this assignment; however, he had no objection to Col. Baird approaching Gen. Bull and proposing that the various office heads of CIA conduct a series of lectures (within the bounds of security) on the functions and activities of this Agency. Mr. Wolf undertook to pass this along to Col. Baird. *Done*

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Mr. Dulles:

b. Noted that Paul Madalie was leaving Commerce

c. Gave the Director [redacted] "eyes only" letter and after reading it the DCI requested Mr. Becker to prepare a reply for his signature.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

d. Gave the Director the personal cable he (Mr. Dulles) received from Gen. Merrill while on his recent trip and stated that Merrill had indicated a desire to "leave us". The Director said he would like to keep him and briefly discussed a particular job he had in mind for him.

e. Referred to the item in today's Intelligence Digest concerning possible attack by the Chinese Communists on the "off-shore islands" and, after some discussion, the DCI (1) asked Mr. Wisner to obtain further information on this matter; (2) stated that the people who were working on the general China Paper should take the above report into consideration; (3) directed that our people push the China Paper along. *Done*

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that we had been successful in "keeping MAAG out of our business" and, after some discussion, the Director undertook to send a further cable on this matter to Admiral Radford. In this connection, the Director stated that action should be taken to build up the Chinese Navy since he was looking ~~for~~ *FORWARD* to the day when we could put a Chinese division or two from Formosa "upon the Chinese mainland". After some further discussion, Mr. Dulles undertook to have Gen. Merrill accompany him to the NSC Senior Staff meeting when Formosa was discussed and also to have Merrill sit in on the special panel of the Senior Staff.

b. Noted there was a possibility that the Director might be bothered by any one or all of the following three people: Col. Ahalt, [redacted] [redacted] After some discussion, the DCI stated (1) we would give Gen. Bolling all assistance in the case of Col. Ahalt; (2) the Secretary of the McCarran Committee should be advised of the background of [redacted] (NOTE: Mr. Dulles undertook to get in touch with the McCarran Committee.) *Done*

Mr. Becker:

a. Reported that he had talked to Chip Bohlen as directed concerning the [redacted] and that he agreed with the Director's feeling in this matter; however, State did not intend to take an official stand. In this connection, Mr. Becker also noted that Bohlen had undertaken to discuss the [redacted] problem further with Doc Mathews and would report the outcome of this discussion to him (Becker) at a later date. The DCI stated he would delay his call to Gen. Bolling pending receipt of further information from Mr. Becker. *Done*

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b. Noted that he was impressed with the Strategic Division which was transferred from [redacted] organization to Gen. Truscott and that he believed a similar organization would be of benefit to Admiral Overesch [redacted] The Director stated that Adm. Overesch should be instructed to observe the activities of the above unit while [redacted] and if he and DD/I desired a similar one in [redacted] Mr. Becker should "issue the necessary orders".

c. Noted that [redacted] had agreed to accept the position as Deputy Assistant Director for Research and Reports.

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