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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 16 April 1952

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

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General Smith referred to the item in today's Log concerning our anti-Communist [redacted] and, after some discussion, undertook to contact Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and request that she come in to see us concerning this program.

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Mr. Wolf recommended that the Director call Senator O'Mahoney within the next two weeks concerning the Senate Committee's hearing on our budget.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that [redacted] had been assigned the task of monitoring the current political go around with the Soviets and that he (Mr. Wisner) had been requested to go over to the State Department and give [redacted] a briefing. The Director approved but stated that in the future [redacted] and other officials of his level should come here for briefings since he did not approve of his Deputies going to them.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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c. Noted that he would like to discuss Gen. Merrill's assignment with the DCI. The Director stated that he had discussed this matter to some extent with Gen. Merrill yesterday and if Gen. Merrill decided to stay with us he intended to make paramilitary operations a separate activity with Gen. Merrill at the head. In this connection, he noted that it was absolutely necessary to have a military man in charge of these activities and such individuals were hard to get. After some further discussion, the DCI directed that Mr. Wisner work out the details involved in making our paramilitary operations a separate operation since if we could not obtain the services of Gen. Merrill he intended to get some other qualified person to head this program.

d. Noted that we had briefed Ambassador Sebald yesterday.

Mr. Hedden noted that Col. Hansen had been successful in preventing another article being written on intelligence failures and in this connection briefly discussed a proposal that CIA have a Congressional Committee or possibly a committee appointed by the President to "front for us". In this connection, the Director noted that this idea warranted some thought, however, he would not go along with any committee which would interpose itself between the President and him.

Mr. Becker:

b. Stated that OCD had completed its move to Riverside Stadium.

c. Noted that he would leave with Mr. Earman a draft copy of the Brownell Committee report for the DCI.

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