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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 17 April 1952

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

General Smith:

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a. Noted a letter from Congressman Mahon which indicated that the proposed [redacted] and that he (Mr. Mahon) "thought" he would send copies of the above-referred-to letter to Secretary Lovett and Mr. Lawton. The DCI undertook to personally thank Congressman Mahon by telephone.

b. Discussed his conversation with [redacted] yesterday concerning the forthcoming conference with the British and stated that he informed Lockhart that (1) the conference was assuming formidable proportions; (2) he visualized it as a series of quiet and informal talks; (3) we now find that the British delegation was "loaded" with high-ranking officials; (4) it would, therefore, appear the conference was being turned into one between the Foreign Office and the Department of State; (5) he was now beginning to question whether CIA should even participate; (6) as a result of the above points he had asked [redacted] to send a message to [redacted] proposing that the date of this conference be held open until the British were ready to present an agenda, at which time he (the DCI) would decide whether we would participate.

c. Asked where we stood on the problem of furnishing equipment to the [redacted] Mr. Wisner stated that (1) our part of this problem has been completed by providing means whereby [redacted] could order certain types of equipment from the commercial firms; (2) he had not had a report for about ten days as to the success State was having with Defense in the shipment of other items. The Director noted that while this was the responsibility of State it was incumbent upon us to push this problem. Mr. Wisner undertook to furnish the DCI with a progress report. *Done*

d. Noted the item in TIME of April 14, 1952, (Page 33) concerning the article in the Hungarian Party Organ Social Review written by Matyas Rakosi and stated that we should plug the information contained in Rakosi's piece by every possible means. Mr. Wisner stated that we had already done something on this and undertook to pursue this matter further. In connection with Rakosi's article, Mr. Dulles noted that our overseas personnel should have brought its contents to the attention of Headquarters without our having to wait to read it in a U.S. publication and stated that a letter should be sent to the field inviting attention to this and the incident of the [redacted] and directing our overseas personnel to immediately forward similar items to Headquarters. The Director stated that this and "other things" should be done and he intended to discuss this matter at a later date.

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Mr. Dulles:

- a. Noted that he had talked with Gen. Magruder concerning [redacted] [redacted] The Director asked that he be given a short memorandum on the background of this project before the PSB luncheon today. Mr. Wisner undertook to do this. *Dane*
- b. Briefly reported on a discussion he had with Ambassador Donnelly yesterday.
- c. Noted that he had had a talk with [redacted] yesterday and that we had undertaken to attempt to get him promoted. After some discussion as to [redacted] activities, Mr. Dulles stated that "we did not tell him anything."
- d. Noted that the AF of L was threatening to "break off" with RFE because of a certain individual.
- e. Stated that the President had requested a brief report on Chilean copper and handed this report to the Director. The Director stated he wanted to read it and then would put it in the President's book.

Mr. Wisner:

- a. Stated that he had had a good meeting with [redacted] yesterday and that he was taking steps with [redacted] to insure that we received information and guidance "right out of the pot". In this connection, he noted that it was proposed that representatives of this Agency hold weekly meetings with the people in State who were actually working on the diplomatic situation. (NOTE: Mr. Wisner is preparing a memorandum of his conversation with [redacted] and a copy will be furnished the DCI.)
- b. Noted that [redacted] had returned from his trip and that he is to see him on Friday to discuss counterpart funds, particularly for [redacted] [redacted] In this connection, Mr. Wisner also noted that we had devised certain of our programs to make use of as much of these funds as we can get.

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