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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 8 May 1952

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

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Referred to Grotewohl's recent speech and stated we should follow the situation in East Germany rather carefully for the next few weeks.

b. Stated we had received word about 6 p.m. yesterday that Mr. Matthews of State was holding up approval of the export license of a C-54 recently purchased by us for ultimate assignment to CAT and use in our long-range operations in the Far East. After considerable discussion wherein Mr. Dulles noted he had already spoken to Mr. Allison on this matter, he (Mr. Dulles) undertook to discuss this situation with Mr. Wisner and, after collecting all the facts, present them to the Director. Mr. Dulles also noted that State was becoming somewhat "jittery" over the situation in Southeast Asia and, in particular, the fact that Chiang Kai-shek was furnishing some supplies to Li Mi.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted he had had a good talk with Congressman Cox, who had assured him that we had "nothing to worry about" concerning the Congressional Committee appointed to investigate "foundations."

Mr. Wisner:

a. Gave the Director his redraft of a paper for the President concerning ESB and asked for the DCI's comments.

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b. Stated he would furnish a copy of an article in the London Economist of 26 April and noted that in his opinion the content of this article was not an inspired leak.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

c. Briefly discussed the recent conference with [redacted] and undertook to give the Director a full report at a later date. In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that [redacted] who was well satisfied with the results of this conference, wished to see the Director in the near future (an appointment has been made for [redacted])

d. Noted Secretary Acheson's strong attack on the BW campaign as reported in today's papers and stated he had still seen no evidence of our recommendation to State that the Soviet's "disturbance of the peace" be attacked.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Discussed a conversation he had had with Tommy Corcoran concerning impounded aircraft [redacted] and stated that it now appears there is a good possibility that Corcoran and his associates may gain physical custody of these aircraft or their dollar value, which was quite high on today's market. After some discussion, the Director stated that our main concern in this matter was to insure that the [redacted] would not gain access to these aircraft or their dollar value. Mr. Wisner, at the DCI's direction, undertook to look into this matter.



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