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Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 22 August 1952

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

General Smith:

a. Referred to Aurell's cable concerning the position he had taken in regard to the proposed [] plan [] and (1) approved Aurell's action; (2) directed DD/P to so notify him. In this connection, the DCI noted that the above-mentioned cable had been dispatched prior to Aurell's receipt of his (DCI) instructions on this matter []

b. Stated that Undersecretary Bruce had advised him that the British had agreed to everything we had asked for in Iran and, in this connection, noted that he had passed on to Doc Matthews the latest comments of our Senior Representative there, together with the comment that while our man in Teheran was not an alarmist he did feel that time was running out.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked the Director if he had seen the cable from our man in [] regarding the situation there. The DCI stated that he had.

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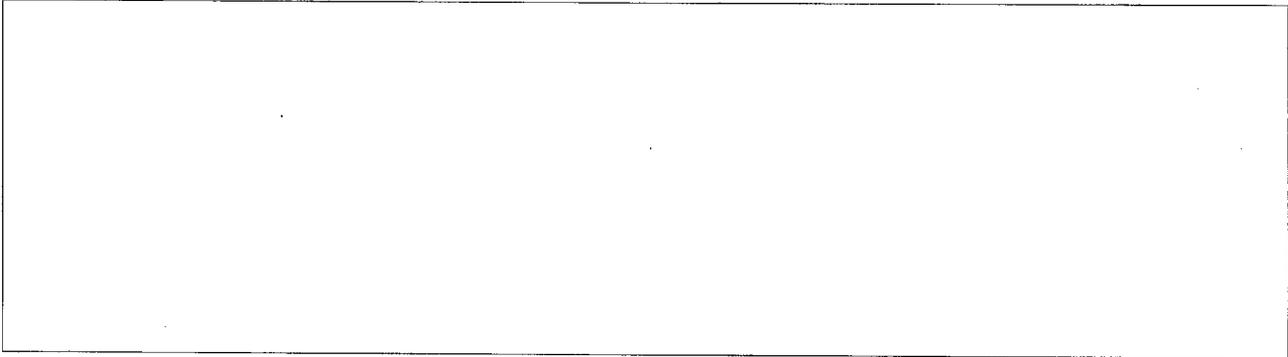
c. Noted that he planned to attend a meeting at Princeton this afternoon.

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Mr. Wisner:



b. Noted an item in NEWSWEEK concerning the Germans and the Middle East.

c. Stated that (1) Archie Roosevelt was here and it was apparent in discussions with him that our activities [redacted] were going much better; (2) Mr. Roosevelt would remain [redacted] until the first of the year. The Director noted that he had given some thought to DD/P's suggestion [redacted] and stated he had about reached the conclusion that this would not be a good move; however, he would give it further consideration.

d. After the meeting, reported to the Director the status of the program organized in connection with reduction of projects and stated that it appeared that the "Murder Board" would recommend a reduction which would amount to about one third of our over-all programs. The Director approved DD/P's suggestion that the final report be submitted at the time of the next Merger meeting.

Mr. Becker:

a. Left for the Director's consideration a trial run on briefings for the Presidential candidates.

b. Suggested that the Director mention at the next IAC meeting the possibility of using summaries of selected NIE's in the briefings mentioned in the above item. The DCI disapproved.



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