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WEEKLY STAFF MEETING

7 January 1952 to 19 March 1952

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Wednesday, 19 March 1952

PRESENT:

[Redacted list of attendees]

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Mr. [Redacted]

a. Asked about the reports of submarine sightings. [Redacted] stated that two submarines definitely had been ~~sighted~~ contacted.

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b. Noted that the D/CI is leaving for Florida on Wednesday and will return 10 April.

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Mrs. [Redacted]

a. Noted that the NSC meeting for this week has been cancelled but the IAC meeting will be held. Items on the agenda include the estimate on Sweden, the EIC paper on China trade, the biological warfare paper, Taiwan, and the possible release of certain documents pending changes in NSCID #1. Mr. [Redacted] asked about the status of the latter. Mr. [Redacted] informed him that only the Attorney General had not yet approved these changes, not for policy reasons but because the pressure of work had not yet permitted him to get to it; his approval is expected Thursday.

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Mr. [Redacted]

a. Noted that DD/I is considering the problems involved in authenticating the facts in NIEs and the problems involved in agreement as to facts. It was noted that what are loosely termed "facts" are usually estimates and, therefore, it is quite possible that IAC agencies and other governments may differ as to what these "facts" are.

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Col. [Redacted]

a. Noted that the question of the Congressional briefing remains dependent on the D/CI calling Congressman Mahon to arrange a briefing for him. It is possible that this will be all that is necessary.

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b. Noted that a bill to transfer the [Redacted] site to the Department of Interior is again before Congress. This bill will require the approval of the Public Works Committee for any use to be made of the site. From a CIA point of view, it is desirable that this bill be referred back to committee and be kept in

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committee. If the bill is so shelved, the fact that legislation is pending will prevent the PBA, now administering the site, from being required to sell it as surplus. DD/A is attempting to reduce the present estimate of [REDACTED] to 25X1 requested budget of [REDACTED] before a campaign for allocation of the site 25X1 be started.

c. Noted that the International Chamber of Commerce sent to all members of its Public Relations Committee a memorandum stating that Radio Free Europe and the National Committee for Free Europe are financed by CIA. [REDACTED] reports that all copies have now been recalled.

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