

Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 6 February 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Becker, Col. White, Col. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] 25X1

The Director:

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted the item in the Log concerning [redacted] request to the CIA Legislative Counsel and raised the question of our participation. It was noted that this was only a gratuitous service on our part since the Council does not have a Legislative Officer. 25X1

b. Raised the question of Congressman Busbey's last letter and asked what action we now propose to take. After some discussion, the Director called Mr. Busbey and informed him that we could not make available Forms 5 on our employees since they were a part of security records. However, there was no objection to Busbey or an accredited representative of his office to come here, at which time [redacted] form would be extracted from his security file and made available for review. A letter to this effect has been prepared to Busbey for the DCI's signature. 25X1

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d. Referred to an item in today's Intelligence Digest concerning threats to Formosa and stated he believed we should get out an estimate on this situation since the Navy had expressed some concern. Mr. Becker stated that such an estimate was being prepared and undertook to ascertain when it would be ready for submission to the IAC. *Preliminary estimate was submitted to the IAC on 7 Feb.*

e. Noted that State was being pressed for comments by the British on their Russian paper. [Redacted] undertook to prepare a memorandum on this which would be discussed with Mr. Wisner upon his return. *Mr. Dulles advises this has been accomplished.*

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g. Stated that (1) Llewellyn Thompson had been in to see him yesterday and that Thompson had made certain requests for our assistance [Redacted] (2) these requests were satisfactory with our people.

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i. Raised the question of [Redacted] lecturing at Georgetown University to a group of Army and Air Force officers on the Philosophy of the Communist Movement. The Director stated that as a matter of policy he would rather that our people not make talks of any kind other than those made to the various Service Schools; however, he would approve in this particular instance. In this connection, Mr. Dulles stated that we also had a request from the President, Norfolk County Bar Association, that [Redacted] be made available to speak at a dinner meeting on any subject of his choice. After some discussion, the DCI (1) disapproved and directed that the Bar Association be so informed; and (2) it be suggested to them that they might wish to contact [Redacted]

j. Referred to the request from the FBI that certain OSS files pertaining to [Redacted] be made available to them. After some discussion as to who was the legal custodian of these files, the Director stated that (1) we could not be put in a position of denying information which would assist in convicting a Communist; (2) the files would, therefore, be made available;

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(3) the fact that these files were furnished would be given no publicity; and (4) General Bolling should be informed that we were making these files available to the FBI at their request. [redacted] states this matter is in hand & Gen. Bolling will be advised on 18 Feb. 1952.

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Colonel White:

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a. Stated that (1) 250 "bodies" referred to in the recent cable from [redacted] and Johnston had been authorized by Defense and 125 had been allotted to [redacted] (2) it had been agreed that requests for these people would be submitted in quarterly requisitions. After some discussion wherein it was pointed out that there was a possibility we might not have a requirement for all of these people, the DCI directed that (1) we should get our slate made up and requisitions on file; (2) Gen. Bolling should be requested to screen these people; (3) we should not ask for their actual assignment until we can take care of them; (4) this matter should be discussed with [redacted] and Johnston upon their return; (5) after this discussion, a revised request, if necessary, would be made. *Mr. Hulick advises that action as directed above has been taken.*

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b. Mentioned U. K. Armstrong's proposed conference on psychological warfare over Washington's birthday and the request to PSB for assistance in "hiring a hall". The Director indicated that he was thoroughly familiar with this proposal and this Agency would not have any part of the above conference.

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c. Stated that George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, had indicated that the Committee would not accept the PSB budget as heretofore submitted (equally divided between CIA, State, and Defense). The alternatives offered by Harvey were (1) the complete budget be lumped into the CIA budget; and (2) PSB submit and defend its own budget. The Director stated that of the two he preferred the latter and directed that Col. White and Mr. Saunders discuss this matter with the Bureau of the Budget pointing out that it would be of great assistance to us if PSB could stand on its own feet. In connection with the CIA budget, Col. White noted that we might have to appear on the Hill within the next two or three weeks. The DCI asked that everyone concerned be notified and ready to go when we were called. *this action has been accomplished.*

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Colonel Taylor:

a. Referred to a message for [redacted] concerning [redacted]. The Director asked that [redacted] be advised to take every advantage of [redacted]'s offer of assistance and to sufficiently compensate him for his assistance in addition to the ⁵⁰dollar per day consultant fee already authorized. [redacted] will take action on this matter.

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b. Briefly discussed a cable [redacted] concerning possible future assignment of [redacted].

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Mr. Becker:

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b. Stated that A [Redacted] would begin his course of instruction in OCI.

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