

Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 2 February 1953

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PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [redacted] Messrs. Helms,
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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that Mr. Cutler was very much interested in our "Daily"; however, he had requested that we eliminate distribution of Watch Committee reports to him. Mr. Becker stated this report was prepared by G-2 and represented the views of the intelligence community; therefore, Mr. Becker said he would discuss this matter with Mr. Cutler. DDCI asked Mr. Becker also to furnish Mr. Cutler for the President an analysis and amplification of certain items contained in the CIA Daily of 30 January. DD/I noted this was already under way. In connection with furnishing intelligence material to Cutler, DDCI asked that we provide [redacted] in addition to the copy furnished the President.

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b. Stated we should consider briefing the President and the Secretaries of State and Defense on "special intelligence" particularly emphasizing security precautions in regard to this material. Mr. Becker noted that it should be S.O.P. for the appropriate people in the Departments of State and Defense to conduct such briefings for the Secretaries and, in response to a query from DDCI, stated that the Director of Central Intelligence as Chairman of USCIB should brief the President and Secretaries of State and Defense if a further briefing was required.

c. Noted that Mr. Sourwine of the McCarran Committee had made an indirect offer to furnish CIA, if requested, with a copy of the recent testimony of

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

e. Gave to Mr. Becker a memorandum prepared by [redacted] in regard to Japan. DDI undertook to pass this along to [redacted] DDCI also noted that [redacted] had informed him that the Brazilians were experiencing great difficulties in regard to their finances since they had been purchasing considerably more than their national economy and exports would stand. Mr. Helms raised the question as to whether we had any contacts with [redacted] Mr. Becker stated he was not sure and undertook to check on this, noting, however, that our approach would necessarily have to be handled very carefully [redacted]

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f. Noted a letter to [redacted] which had been prepared for his signature and gave it to Mr. Wisner for his comments. In this connection, DDCI stated he desired the written initials of the originating officer and the officer concurring (if any) to appear on the file copy of all correspondence prepared for his signature and/or approval -- this file copy to accompany all such correspondence submitted to him for action.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Reported that we continued to receive low-level reports of possible outbreaks in Bolivia.

b. Referred to the Director's presentation to the NSC at its last meeting and the fact that his remarks were to be condensed for use in a briefing for selected members of Congress. Mr. Dulles noted that if such a briefing was given it would be the responsibility of the DCI and asked Mr. Becker to discuss but not push this matter with Mr. Cutler.

c. Noted there would be an NSC Senior Staff meeting tomorrow on the Chinese situation and stated he planned to attend with Mr. Anory.

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

e. Reported that arrangements had been made with Colonel Edwards to have one of his people check with the Director and his Deputies each afternoon at 5 p.m. in order to collect any classified material these officers might wish to take home for study. This material would be transported to the home of the individual concerned and returned to Headquarters each evening -- this to be accomplished by calling the CIA Watch Officer, extension

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