

DEPUTIES' MEETING

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Wednesday, 19 August 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, [redacted], Kirkpatrick, Colonel White, Messrs. Helms, Sheldon, [redacted] (part of meeting only), [redacted]

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In accordance with the new procedure established by the Acting Director on 17 August, Mr. [redacted] gave a brief review of the situation in Iran and reported on the status of the Pella government in Italy.

General Cabell:

a. Directed that a summary of the latest information on the Iranian situation be prepared for transmission through General Carroll to the President, with the additional word that we should have more detailed information by mid-afternoon or as soon as normal communications lag permits.

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c. Referred to a cable [redacted] on maritime interceptions by the Chinese Nationalists and said that he wished to see the reply. He expressed the view

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Reported that he is informally reviewing the operation of the Finance and Fiscal Divisions of the Comptroller's Office and will then turn his attention to the Commercial Division. He noted that his review will not involve formal written recommendations. General Cabell approved this approach.

Colonel White:

a. Reported further on the GPO case, noting that since late 1951, the only CIA work done in the South Building Branch of the GPO has been NIS and map work, with a few other items; that we have never sent classified material to the Main GPO; that admission to the South Building Branch is by special badge whose issuance we control; that all employees in that Branch have "Q" clearance; that physical security in that Branch is satisfactory.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

25X1 a. Reported that [redacted] may create a flap over being turned down for CIA employment and noted that, having already seen Personnel, [redacted] will see Mr. Kirkpatrick. 25X1

b. Reported that the Legislative Task Force of the Career Service Board had submitted a report, and recommended that this matter not be brought to the attention of the Director or Deputy Director until the CSB had thoroughly thrashed the matter out, in about a month's time. General Cabell observed that while legislation might be needed, we should avoid a legislative strait-jacket.

Mr. Sheldon:

a. Briefly reported what he planned to send to the President on the Iranian situation.

b. Reported that Mr. Kennan, disgusted at the press and public reaction to his appearance in the Johns Hopkins seminar, intends to withdraw from the Russian question and devote his major effort to his foreign policy studies.



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