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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 7 May 1954



PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon, [redacted] and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a cable respecting the status of [redacted] (IN 44456) and after some discussion approved DD/P's recommendation that [redacted] be returned to Headquarters.

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b. Referred to Cable IN 44527 and noted the project referred to therein appeared to be progressing satisfactorily; however, he did not wish to "build it up too far".

c. Referred to Cable IN 44362 and stated he would hesitate to use the former Ambassador mentioned therein at the present time.

d. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] (IN 44348) respecting unconventional warfare in IndoChina, and noting that the situation was likely to remain confused for the next five or six months, directed that we continue to press [redacted] for approval to conduct such operations in this area.

e. Referred to Secretary Wilson's and General Twining's forthcoming trip to the Far East and noted his intention of probably briefing General Twining, and the Secretary if necessary, on CAT.

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g. Noted that Ambassador Nelson Johnson had reviewed the [redacted] and had prepared a memorandum of his findings

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

in which he suggested that we get in touch with several other persons he named who would be knowledgeable as to the authenticity of these documents. Mr. Wisner noted we were already attempting to do this.

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Reported that [Redacted] had requested approval to return to Headquarters from temporary duty in [Redacted] since he [Redacted] believed he had accomplished all he could. Both Messrs. Dulles and Wisner indicated it was their understanding that [Redacted] was there for the duration of the Conference, and the Director asked that: (1) this matter be considered over the weekend; (2) a cable be dispatched to [Redacted] advising him a final decision would be furnished on Monday, 10 May.

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