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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 25 February 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Messrs. Roosevelt, Bissell, Dr. Kent, Colonel White, Messrs. Sheldon, Helms and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Discussed the meeting that he was attending later in the morning of the proposed Plans Coordinating Group ("The Rockefeller Charter") and stated that several things were bothering him about the Charter as presently drafted. One of these was that Mr. Stassen is removed from the group which considers our operations and Mr. Dulles remarked that Mr. Stassen had been most helpful to us in many ways. Another item was the statement which seemed to be in conflict with NCID 5412 which had the new group charged with detailed planning and approvals of operations. [redacted] was discussed in this connection.

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b. Reported on a letter from Senator Russell and stated that meetings with the Subcommittee had been set up for 4 and 8 March; meetings to be held in the Administration Building and will not touch upon substance, but largely be devoted to the problems of the Intelligence Community. Mr. Kirkpatrick asked that information on these meetings be held very closely, and pointed out that we are furnishing separate cars to bring the principals to the meetings as covertly as possible.

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d. Discussed a report from [redacted] pursuant to the DCI's request for a study of Communist Front Organizations and stated he felt we ought to be able to spare sufficient people to get something done in this field without working up something colossal. Dr. Kent volunteered [redacted] to assist. Mr. Dulles suggested that perhaps we could query the field to pick up the latest information they have on Soviet Front Information. He stated that he felt this type of material was something we could use in our high-level briefings which would make an excellent impression. Suggested that we should outline our program in this field to the Russell Committee. He asked that Mr. Helms and Dr. Kent get together to work out something on this.

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e. Mr. Dulles stated that we have some problems in connection with immigration. He has taken the Justice Department's side against the State Department's in their plan to bring in a number of people. He stated he would talk to General Swing about this.

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f. Discussed the report he had had on [redacted] and felt we should be able to get something more concise about this. He asked Mr. Roosevelt to follow through on it.

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g. Reported on his meeting of yesterday with Admiral Radford and Secretary Anderson on ELINT. Stated it was obvious that Secretary Anderson had not been impartially briefed. Believed we got some of the matters cleared up, but stated we are still a long way apart. Secretary Anderson will appoint a military man to meet with Dr. Quarles and CIA representative, to see if an agreed paper can be reached. It was agreed that the ELINT matter should be settled before taking up the guided missiles matter.

Mr. Bissell:

Announced that he was meeting with IAC representatives this morning on the problem of Intelligence requirements based upon national objectives.

Dr. Kent:

a. Said a paper on guided missiles had been prepared for the IAC and recommended re-opening of the problem at the IAC with emphasis on what degree of coordination was being had in this field. Director approved.

b. Asked if JAEIC's report would go direct to IAC this year or through the Board of National Estimates. Director deferred decision on this until a later date.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Announced that the next three Senators to be entertained on Monday's by the Director at lunch were: Knowland, McClelland and Richards.

b. Discussed certain personnel and legislative problems. The Director agreed to have Francis Walters here for lunch in about four weeks. The Director wishes to invite him personally.

Mr. Sheldon:

a. Discussed [redacted] and stated that it clearly reveals the source [redacted] without naming him. The Director questioned the accuracy of the date of information acquired, and stated the report was too unreadable for high level people. Mr. Sheldon undertook to prepare special reports for this use.

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