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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 26 June 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Colonel White,
[redacted], Dr. Kent, [redacted]
[redacted], Paul, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted he was not completely satisfied with the way briefings for Ambassadors are handled since it appeared to him that they had become too routine, and directed in the future proposed agenda for such briefings be forwarded for his approval. The Director also commented that copies should be furnished the deputies in order to insure they are satisfied with the caliber of the briefers and also to determine whether or not the individual being briefed might be known to a deputy or any of his people. The Director went on to say that we should put our best foot forward in conducting all briefings since by and large first impressions are usually the best. Mr. Paul undertook to notify [redacted] the date Ambassadors are confirmed.

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b) Referred to NSC 123 (Evacuation of Selected Key Indigenous Persons from Danger Areas) and commented that while CIA had the action on this paper for over a period of five years it appeared to him we had done little or nothing about it. Further, he was not in agreement with the policy developed at the working level which incidentally has only been recently brought to his attention. The Director said that at the OCB meeting on 19 June he had undertaken to prepare a paper on this problem and was considering recommending to the Board that a working group composed of representatives of CIA (Chairman), State, Defense and Justice be appointed for the purpose of preparing a report on NSC 123 for approval of the OCB and submission to the Security Council. The Director made it clear that names of key indigenous people to be evacuated would not be included, but that he did feel consideration should be given at the present time to firming up evacuation plans for Laos, Hongkong and possibly West Berlin. [redacted] noted that Messrs. [redacted] had prepared a status report of action taken thus far on NSC 123 which would be presented to the Director today.

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c) Noted he had been advised it would be two or three weeks before the UN report on Hungary is released and commented he saw no reason why this Agency could not obtain from the UN a copy of this report to be reproduced and circulated throughout the English speaking world. The Director said he

realized that such a project would cost money, however, as time goes by, propaganda value of the report decreases. He also noted that probably the best way to save time getting the report printed would be a contract with a reputable publishing firm guaranteeing expenses and up to ten per cent profit.
ACTION: DD/P.

Dr. Kent:

Noted that William Rountree had requested a crash estimate on Kashmir to be published in three weeks as a maximum. The Director approved.

Colonel White:

Recommended that the Fourth of July be treated as a Sunday. The Director approved.

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