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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 8 May 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,  
Messrs. [redacted] Sheldon (part of mtg.),  
[redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a) Commented he felt it imperative we attempt to get additional CIA people into [redacted] Mr. Helms noted that DD/P is hard at work on this problem and in fact we now have three people taking intensive language training for such an assignment. Mr. Amory noted that [redacted] is most desirous of going behind the Iron Curtain and Messrs. Wisner and Helms said their people had already been in touch with him and plans are going forward to use him, but without a good deal of training he could not be of much help operationally. The Director said that with [redacted] extensive educational background in the [redacted] areas he should be a natural for the collection of intelligence and commented with the designation of a new Ambassador [redacted] he felt it would be an excellent idea for [redacted] to be assigned there at about the same time. ACTION: DD/P

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b) Noted that the Secretary of Defense had proposed to the NSC that there be established a national policy on counter-intelligence to be administered by an IAC type committee and commented that in his opinion the IAC is the proper forum to decide counter-intelligence policy. The Director took note of the fact that should the IAC be given this responsibility it might be desirable to enlarge its membership to include a representative from the Department of Defense and the Director of the Office of Special Investigations, USAF. [redacted] said that his people are preparing comments for the DCI on this matter. ACTION: [redacted] for coordination.

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d) Stated he felt that the intelligence community should have a voice in any reply to the Soviet note on serial inspection. [redacted] commented, to his knowledge, no reply has been drafted as yet and undertook to follow through on the Director's suggestion.

e) Noted that the Secretary of State had sent him a copy of a French book on the Suez Canal and commented that in all probability we would be asked for an analysis. The Director also said that our field stations should be put on notice to forward to headquarters immediately by airmail any sensational books of the type mentioned above.

Mr. Amory:

Noted that General Walsh had paid a visit to Steuart Building yesterday and had been very much impressed. Mr. Amory said that General Walsh, upon being advised that it takes approximately 15 hours to transmit a message from the field to headquarters concerning this program, had indicated that SAC communication facilities were available and might help in speeding up receipt of information. Mr. Bissell commented that he did not believe 15 hours is correct and that as far as he knew it was more like 5 hours. The Director asked that Messrs. Amory and [redacted] discuss this matter and take it up with General Walsh if the SAC communications facilities prove to be faster.

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