



DM-591

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 12 August 1957

PRESENT: General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,  
Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

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General Cabell:

a) Referred to the Inspector General's memorandum of 25 July 1957 recommending the establishment of an Agency Publications Board and asked if those present had had an opportunity to study these proposals and were ready to discuss them. A good deal of discussion ensued concerning the composition and chairmanship of the proposed Publications Board and whether or not such a Board should pass on matters of a substantive nature, confine themselves to format, or be concerned with all aspects of Agency publications. It was finally agreed that a Board should be established composed of senior representatives from DD/P, DD/I and DD/S and chaired by the DD/I representative. It was also agreed that Mr. [redacted] who had conducted the IG survey on Agency publications would sit in on the early meetings of this Board to give the Board the benefit of his advice and experience acquired in the course of his survey. It was further agreed that after the Board had studied the situation it would prepare its own charter defining the scope of its interests and activities and would then obtain approval at a subsequent Deputies' Meeting of its charter responsibilities. General Cabell asked that the respective Deputies notify Mr. [redacted] of their appointments of representatives to serve on this Board.

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b) Announced the following personnel changes which will become effective and be formally announced in early September: [redacted] to become C/NEA; [redacted]

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[redacted] duties as Legislative Counsel and to remain, in addition, in his position as Deputy to General Counsel. A/DCI also noted that the Office of the Legislative Counsel will be transferred to and become a part of the General Counsel's Office rather than remaining as a position on the IG's Staff.

c) Referred to the fact that General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander (NATO), had complained that he could not make use of a great deal of the classified material furnished him because of the excessive use of the "NOFORN" classification thereon. Acting DCI requested that DD/I and DD/P look into the possible excessive use of this classification and see what might be done to alleviate the situation.

d) Referred to several recent news reports indicating that the Secretary of State had asked the "Intelligence Services" to attempt to establish the identity of a "mystery man who is now presumably formulating foreign policy for the Kremlin" and asked if anyone knew anything about this matter. No one present knew of any formal request levied by the State Department on this Agency for such information although Mr. Wisner expressed his belief that this theory is one which the Secretary has been informally discussing with various people for the past month or so. It was agreed that Mr. Amory would prepare a cable querying the DCI as to whether or not the Secretary of State had ever spoken to him on this matter and would also talk to Fisher Howe at the State Department in an effort to obtain more details and ascertain if in fact we are supposed to be taking action on this subject.

e) Noted that he had recently requested a copy of a complete biography on Nikita Khrushchev and learned that while there were several purported biographies in existence none of them appeared to be particularly complete. He pointed out that he considered Mr. Khrushchev to be a very important figure for U.S. to know as much about as it is possible to learn and therefore wanted to insure that appropriate steps were taken to get together the best possible biography and character analysis of Khrushchev as could be assembled. Mr. Amory stated that he had heard of the Acting Director's interest in this and was planning to have such a biography prepared as an NIS supplement which would have the beneficial effect of getting the entire intelligence community participating in the preparation of this material. The Acting Director agreed that this would be an excellent manner for obtaining a fairly quick and complete biography. However, he also asked the DD/I to consider the possibility of setting up a long range external research project with the ultimate objective of assembling (through interviews, etc., of persons who had known Khrushchev personally) a more thorough character sketch than would be possible in the shorter range project.

f) Referred to a copy of proposed legislation for the establishment of the NSA which he had received from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and after some discussion asked that the General Counsel's Office be assigned to take appropriate coordinated action to insure that our views on this proposed legislation were made known to the necessary officials.

g) Brought to the attention of those present a memorandum from DD/P outlining the successful contribution which several [redacted] agents had made to the cause of the free world in the course of their attendance at the Moscow Youth Festival. He stated that he also planned to mention this fine contribution at the next OCB meeting.

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Mr. Wisner:

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a) Stated that he is preparing a memorandum for the Acting DCI to send to the OCB raising the question of Yemen. He noted that the Yemen Development Company may be forced out of Yemen unless it gets some financial help soon. He believes that this company should be given some assistance, the U.S. should open diplomatic or ICA installations, or an attempt should be made to encourage U.S. business interests to invest there.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Noted that Messrs. [Redacted] are leaving the IG's Staff for various other assignments and that Mr. [Redacted] has returned to the Staff. In addition Mr. [Redacted] has just joined the Staff and Mr. [Redacted] will do so next month. Due to lack of time Mr. Kirkpatrick did not report on his recent trip but will do so at the next meeting.

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Mr. Amory:

a) Mentioned that on Saturday he had had a very interesting conversation with [Redacted] government and an old friend of Mr. Dulles. Noted among other things [Redacted] stated in rather positive fashion he had learned that Turkey was planning to launch an attack in an attempt to take over Cyprus some time shortly prior to the forthcoming Turkish elections. While [Redacted] did not give the source of this information the implication was that he received it from Prime Minister Mendares of Turkey.

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b) Stated he understood that consideration is being given to setting up a separate Requirements Committee for Project [Redacted]. He asked that DD/P have someone check with him on this since his own view was that the Requirements Committee for ACQUATONE could probably also handle [Redacted]

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