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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 15 July 1958

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, [redacted]  
[redacted] Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon and [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner:

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b) Noted that he and other officers of the DD/P were meeting today with [redacted] on the situation in Venezuela. The Director commented should [redacted] wish a ride back to New York this afternoon, he would be glad to take him.

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c) Noted that [redacted] is in Cuba and had reported to him by telephone last night that as of that time the Ambassador, members of his staff, [redacted] in agreement in regard to action to be taken in liberating U.S. Nationals now in the hands of the Cuban rebels. Mr. Wisner also noted that [redacted] had reported that the Admiral (name not specified) in charge of the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo was not in agreement with the Embassy or our people on how to effect the release of the Americans. In fact, it appears that this Admiral was of the opinion that a military column should be sent into the mountains to obtain the release of these people.

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted the decision to land U.S. troops in Beirut and asked what further steps should be taken. The following were agreed to:

a. A close watch will be made on Soviet reaction to landing of U.S. troops in Lebanon. This to be accomplished by:

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side the Soviet orbit. The Director made it clear that a close watch must be maintained on Communist reactions and activities in order that we might keep abreast of any diversionary action the U.S.S.R. might take.

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c) Referred to a State Department cable from Kuwait reporting that there was dancing in the streets over the coup in Iraq and asked DD/P [Redacted] [Redacted] for his views.

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e) The Director noted he wants to keep a careful record of all cancellations and postponements of scheduled CIA briefings for Congressional Committees. ACTION: DD/S - [Redacted] advised.

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