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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 19 March 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Col. White,
Gen. Truscott, Messrs Helms, Sheldon (part of mtg.),
Kirkpatrick, Bissell, Dr. Kent, Mr. Karamessines, [redacted] 25X1

Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted a cable from [redacted] in which it was reported 25X1
that as a result of the Far Eastern Ambassadors' Conference there was indicated
a widespread requirement for factual material for use in demonstrating to foreign
governments, particularly those of underdeveloped countries, hazards involved
in accepting aid from, or entering into trade agreements with, the Communist
Bloc and directed that we organize to meet this requirement. It was noted that
[redacted] was originally established to meet such a requirement 25X1
in connection with our liaison activities with foreign governments. The Director
said it was his opinion that the support suggested [redacted] is much broader 25X1
and should encompass both sides of the house. ACTION: DD/P

Mr. Helms:

Noted a cable from [redacted] recommending that consideration be 25X1
given to keeping selected U. S. Ambassadors advised on [redacted] 25X1
in order to prevent embarrassment in discussions held with representatives of
their host governments. Mr. Helms commented that in a great many respects
he felt this should be the responsibility of the Department of State. The Director
undertook to discuss this matter with either the Secretary of State or Mr. Herter.

Col. White:

Noted that our representatives had again met with the Bureau of the
Budget on funds for CIA participation in [redacted] and 25X1
stated it had been determined by Budget [redacted] does have sufficient funds for 25X1
the remainder of this year [redacted] on an ad hoc basis. Col. 25X1
White said it would therefore not be necessary to go to the Reserve for additional
funds. He also stated it appears [redacted] will budget for this activity next year. 25X1
The Director made clear his desire that the Agency participate in the Program
and received assurance from Col. White that we would not be frozen out because
we have not contributed funds as originally requested.

[redacted] 25X1