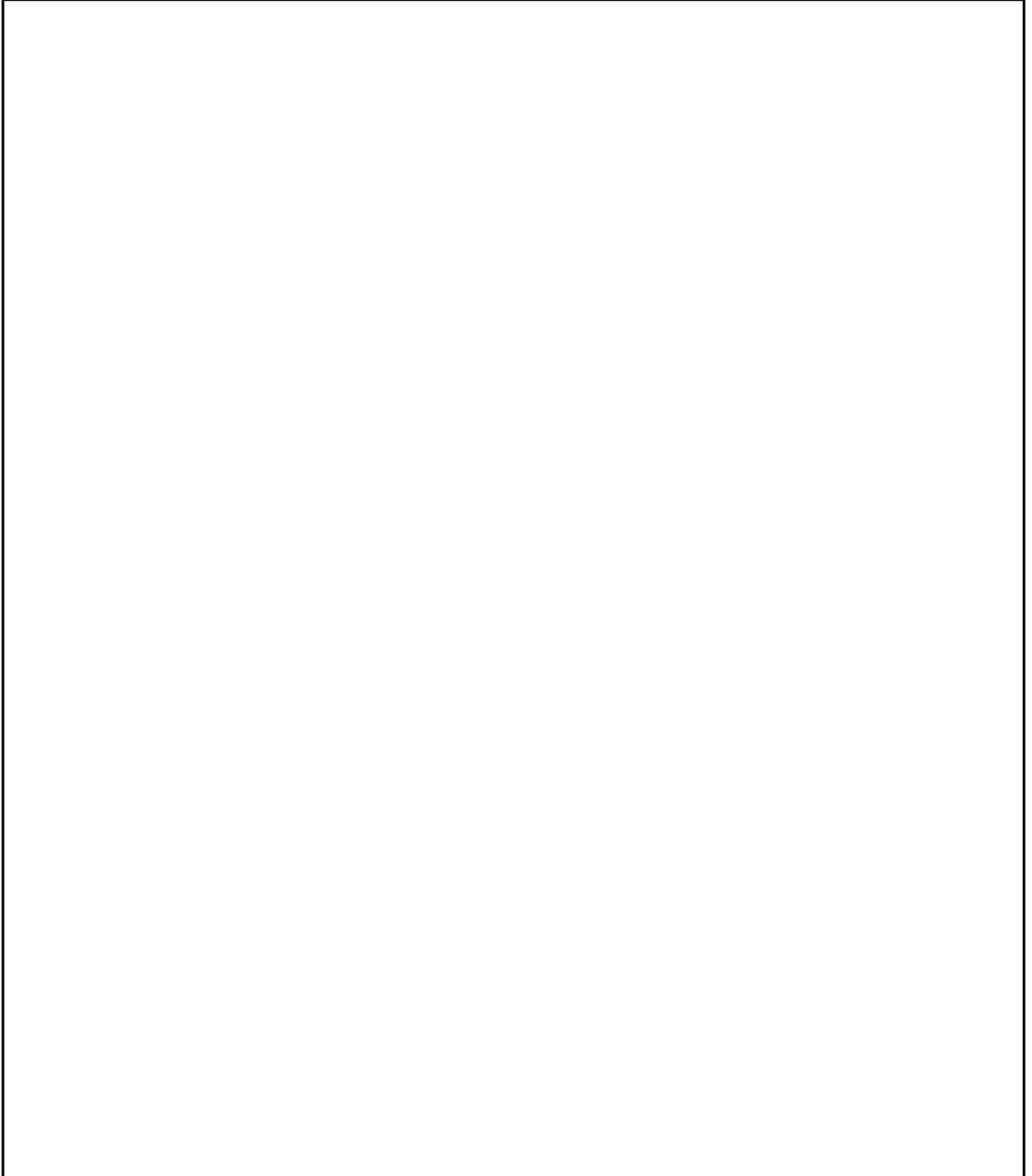


STAFF CONFERENCE
Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, 214 Administration Building
Wednesday, 4 September 1957

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General Cabell Presiding



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b. Enunciated the DCI's policy decision as to whether or not all IAC committees and subcommittees should be chaired by CIA representatives. DCI believes it should not be a requirement that all such committees be chaired by CIA representatives, but feels that the fact that the IAC has in most instances designated CIA chairmen is all to the good.

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Gave a review of the status of the survey and revisions now being made in the various NSCIDs.

Mr. Amory

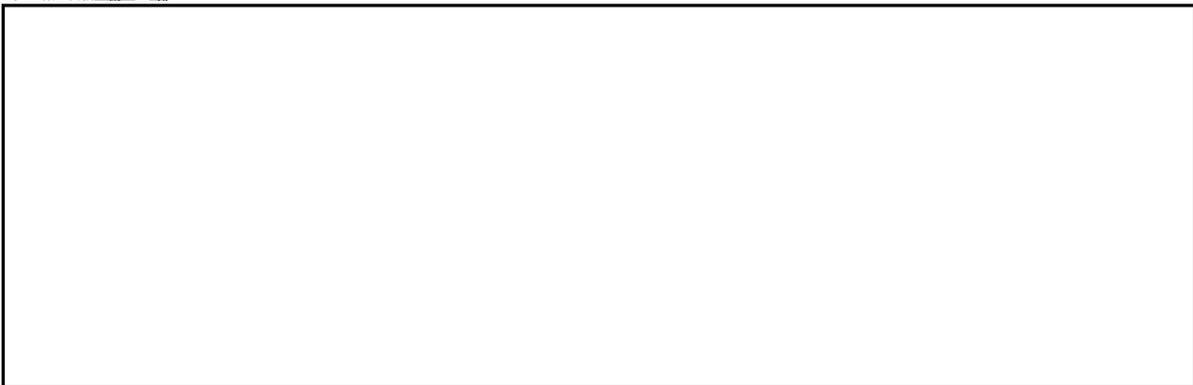
Reported on the status of the Scientific Attache Program noting that Undersecretary of State, Herter had approved the paper re-establishing the program despite budgetary problems.

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Mr. Wisner

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Messrs. Gates Lloyd, Edward Saunders and Norman Paul discussed briefly the request for answers to 46 questions submitted by Chairman Shepherd of the House Appropriations Committee. It was noted that the answers to these 46 questions had been supplied in two different books - one a "Secret" book left with the Chairman and the other a Top Secret book to be retained by CIA but available to the Chairman upon request. This arrangement appeared to be entirely satisfactory to the Committee. In the course of discussion it was noted that in the future the term "high level intelligence" should be avoided or clarified as it appeared to the Committee was under some misapprehension as to the meaning of this phrase.

25X1 [redacted] expressed concern over the unusually large number of cases of psychoneurotic personnel coming to the IG's attention in the past year. There have been 15 cases in this category and all have been very time-consuming and difficult to handle since by the time they reach the IG office they are usually very serious problems. It was pointed out that while there is no particular pattern of behavior in these cases, generally the employees involved have a history of being somewhat troublesome over a period of time. Both 25X1 [redacted] urged that supervisors be on the lookout for such cases bearing in mind that the employees might be sick and that the Medical Staff should be consulted. [redacted] expressed the belief that many of these people can be salvaged if the Medical Staff can gain access to them at an early stage. 25X1

25X1 [redacted] noted that the President's Board of Consultants has met every other month since its inception and that all members of the Board as well as its staff have been very active. The Board feels that the CIA stations overseas have too many visitors so they are not traveling to any of them this year. The Board will meet again in September and thereafter will probably prepare another report to the President.

Mr. Wisner raised the question of how we might best correct certain misapprehensions apparently being entertained by some members of the Board. He noted that in some instances it appeared that these misapprehensions arose as the result of erroneous or misleading information furnished the Board by CIA employees, sometimes as the result of employees airing their private complaints to the Board. General Cabell commented that he thought it demonstrated poor rapport between a supervisor and an employee and generally poor judgement on the part of the employee to take complaints to the Board without having first attempted to resolve such difficulties through the channels readily available to him in CIA. He expressed his belief that while employees should certainly have a direct access to the IG's office and to the President's Board for the airing of legitimate grievances, he also felt it was incumbent on the employee not to burden these offices with minor problems and to make every reasonable prior effort to resolve his problems through the other normal channels established for this purpose.

25X1 [] noted that we have an excellent informal liaison
relationship with General Cassidy and suggested that we might find
25X1 him very helpful in assisting us to clarify any misapprehensions
under which Board members might be laboring. [] also
pointed out that we could also take such action more formally in
written memoranda to the Board or via the DCI's briefings to Board
members.

General Cabell announced that the President's Board in its last meeting with the DCI had suggested that if CIA had any problems with which the Board might assist they would be happy to do so. He noted that this was a very valuable offer from a group of highly competent and able men and both he and DCI wished to take advantage of it. To this end he requested that all senior personnel give a good deal of thought to "CIA self-examination" and come up with some suggested problems on which we might enlist the aid of the Board.

Mr. Garrison

Announced that we had received today from the Architects the "Tentative Plans and Outline Specifications" for the New Building. After these tentative plans are studied and receive the approval of CIA and PBS they, to all practical purposes, become the final building plans. We are hoping to have these plans corrected, approved and back in the architects possession by very early in September.