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Suggested Comments by DCI on Efficiency Task Force

As you all know, we have been engaged in a review of our utilization of manpower with the Efficiency Task Force, under the chairmanship of

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representing the DD/I. This group has been meeting with the Inspector General who has kept me advised of the progress. The first phase reports have now been submitted. These reports constituted an analysis by each deputy of the utilization of personnel within his area contain certain suggestions as to possible manpower savings. After General Cabell and I have studied these and have discussed them with the deputies, we will indicate the action that is to be taken.

I should comment that there is constant pressure both from the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress to reduce personnel strength, particularly in the Washington area. You may have noted over the week-end that House Appropriations refused to allow the Federal Aviation Agency to increase its strength in the Washington area. Similar pressures affect us.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Senior Staff Meeting of 11 May 1959

1. Mr. Dulles opened the staff meeting by commenting on his recent visit before the House Appropriations Subcommittee in which he advised that they appeared more interested in the world situation than in the budgetary matter at hand. He said he received a very friendly reception by the Committee and that they submitted a list of questions which will be answered in the next few days.

2. Mr. Dulles advised that the first phase of the Agency/Task Force Report had been completed. This Task Force is under the chairmanship of representing the DD/S and representing the DD/I. Mr. Dulles pointed out that the Bureau of the Budget has constantly requested the Agency to reduce its personnel strength, particularly within the next two years and, since the new building in Langley will not be large enough to house everyone, he asked for full cooperation throughout the Agency to reduce the personnel.

3. General Cabell gave a brief rundown on the establishment and purpose of the CIA Watch Committee. He advised that the Committee was approximately five years old; that its members consisted of the members of the USIB; that the Committee met every Wednesday morning and also on special emergency sessions; and that the purpose of the Committee was to report on imminent hostilities against the U. S. and its Allies. General Cabell is the chairman of this Committee.

4. Mr. Sheldon reported on the following world trouble spots:

Iraq - The inflow of Soviet arms into this country has been unabated. It was Mr. Sheldon's opinion that Kasseem will not abide by a pro-Western position and that it was just a matter of time until Iraq became Communist.

Iran - This country is under constant pressure by the Soviets.

Tibet - Military activities in this area have been somewhat subsided and there has been a worsening of relations between India and Red China over the Tibetan situation.

Indonesia - Sukarno prior to taking off for Moscow asked that the 1945 constitution be put into effect. Arms from the Soviets are continually pouring into Indonesia while at the same time the Indonesians are asking for U. S. aid.

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Taiwan - Information from this area reveals that Chiang Kai-shek will accede to a third term which will be beneficial to the U. S.

Cuba - There are discontented elements working in Cuba for the eventual overthrow of Castro Forces.

Berlin - This will continue to be a world trouble spot for some time to come.

5. Mr. Dulles commented on the fact that the recent actions taken by the Communists in such areas of the world as Cuba, Middle East, Tibet and Rangoon have created an impression throughout the free countries of the world that the Communists ~~are overplaying~~ their hand. [REDACTED]

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6. Mr. Dulles announced [REDACTED] appointment as the new chief of TSS and he went on to comment on the fine work that had been performed by [REDACTED] during the seven years that he held the position as chief of TSS.

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7. Dr. Tietjen gave a report on medicine and morale in certain overseas posts which included Europe, Middle East and the Far East. Dr. Tietjen felt that from a medical point of view the stations are satisfactorily staffed and managed. There was one particular thing that he noted throughout his trip and that was in areas where adversity and hardship prevailed, the morale of the personnel was always high.

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8. [REDACTED] presented a report on planning for emergency evacuation. [REDACTED] gave a brief rundown on the background of emergency evacuation and the general plans that have been drawn up to carry out this operation in wartime. [REDACTED] stated that other than the State Department, the other government agencies have been dragging their feet in the planning of intelligence operations during wartime.

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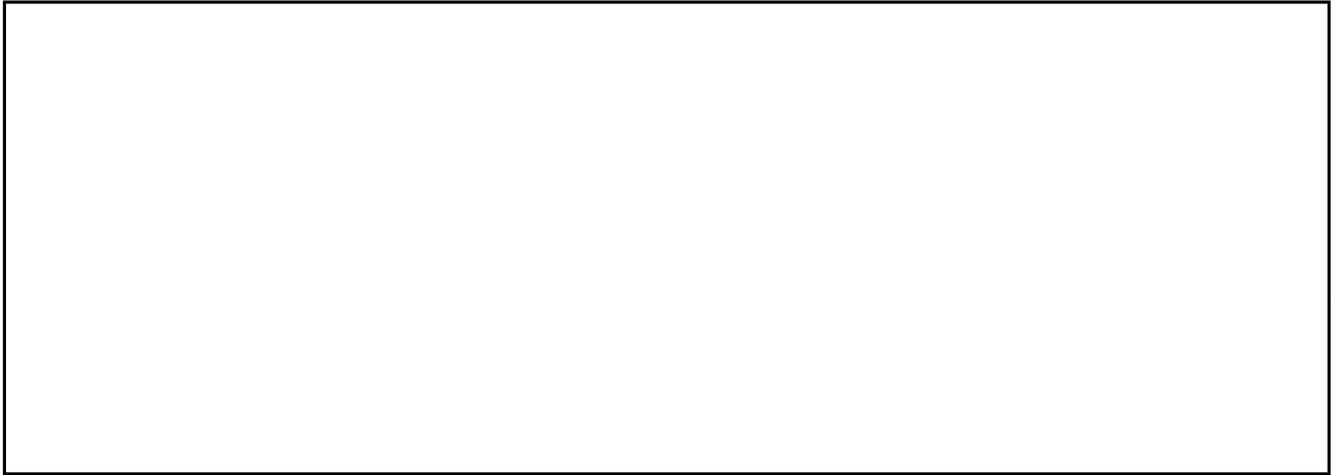
9. [REDACTED] talked on the functional arrangements for emergency evacuation and stated that the plans ~~for emergency evacuation~~ should be adequate to permit the DD/I to carry out its functions during such an emergency. [REDACTED] advised that plans are already under way for the Operations Alert of 1959. He commented on the following two sources of information namely, photo intelligence and communications intelligence.

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11. General Cabell stressed the importance of security over our telephone system and asked that extreme caution be exercised by everyone in the Agency in discussing anything classified over the telephone.



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