

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room
Second Floor
Administration Building
Monday, 9 February 1959

Bids on the New Building

Mr. Lloyd

National Health and Joint
Crusade Campaigns

Mr. Stewart

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Senior Staff Meeting of 9 March 1959

1. Mr. Dulles opened the staff meeting by commenting on the fact that Mr. Kirkpatrick had made a further review of the suggestions submitted by DD/S and DD/I on how to improve the Senior Staff Meetings ~~and that an effort was being made at this meeting considering some of these suggestions.~~ Mr. Dulles talked briefly on the Berlin crisis and the fact that the Agency was being used at a very high level in this particular situation. He advised that the Agency was represented at recent meeting with State and Defense regarding the position papers which are now being used at a meeting in Paris. He felt that in all probability a Summit Meeting would result from the proposed Foreign Ministers Conference. In regard to the Berlin crisis, Mr. Dulles advised that he attended two meetings with Congressional leaders and the Thursday NSC meeting was on this problem. He stated that in a recent White House meeting he gave a briefing on the intelligence situation in Berlin and East Germany which involved such matters as the number and location of East German Forces, attitude of the East and West Germans in this situation, etc. He commented on the fact that the press coverage in the Berlin crisis was quite adequate.

2. Mr. Dulles stated that the Kilday Committee which was established in the House to review Agency activities has seven members but that Mr. Vinson and Mr. Arends were ad hoc committee members. He further advised that he and other Agency representatives have met four times with the committee and that he expects that the committee will want to be briefed at least once or twice a month on Agency activities and/or the world situation. In addition to Mr. Dulles, Messrs. Amory, Bissell, Helms, Lloyd and Kirkpatrick appeared before the committee. Mr. Dulles commented that some Congressmen feel that they need more basic intelligence information from the Agency in order for them to adequately carry out their job and that this may involve a request by certain Congressional leaders to be briefed almost daily on the world situation.

3. Mr. Amory gave a brief rundown on the situations existing in Iraq, Iran, Southeast Asia, Central Africa and Haiti.

4. Mr. Bissell commented on the three or four changes in the re-alignment of the area divisions that had been made since he became the DD/P. One



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5. General Truscott commented on the status of the NSCIDs and advised the group that the DCIDs implemented the structure of the Security Council. He stated that all inter-agency coordination took place through the Intelligence Board and that there has been a Security Committee proposed which has as its main function the protection of sources and methods.

6. Mr. Lloyd spoke briefly on the bids that were recently received on the new building and advised that on 25 February bids were open in which thirteen bids were received for the construction of the new building. He remarked that all but one of the bids received were within the amount allotted for the construction of the building. The Agency has PBS acting as its agent in reviewing these bids and that a contract for the construction of the new building is expected to be executed very shortly. The contract will call for the completion within 759 calendar days which will be by May 1961. A parking lot will be constructed at the new building which heretofore had been deleted from one set of plans.

7. General Cabell gave a brief rundown on the purpose of the Watch Committee of which he was the Chairman and Mr. Sheldon was the alternate Agency representative on this committee. General Cabell reviewed the activities of the Watch Committee Meeting concerning the recent Russian Trawler Incident. In this instance the Watch Committee met within one hour after the first cable was received on this situation. General Cabell also commented on [redacted] messages and advised that the purpose of these messages was to speed up the receipt of reports from the Field. He stated that eight hours constituted the longest time that it took a [redacted] message to get in here and that now the average time was approximately one and a half hours which included distribution to the Intelligence Committee members.

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8. Mr. Dulles commented on the excellent work that [redacted] and his staff was doing in the communication field and advised that [redacted] CIA had the only communication link to the Embassy. Mr. Dulles asked that the

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communication man [] be commended on the excellent work that he was performing.

9. Mr. Stewart gave a very brief presentation on the National Health and Joint Crusade Campaigns and asked for a generous response.

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