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2 October 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Gates Lloyd,
Mr. Kirkpatrick (part of meeting), Mr. Helms, Mr. Bannes,
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to a paper prepared by General Powers for the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, setting forth SAC's views on Soviet missile strength and capabilities, and asked if our copy had been reproduced. Mr. Kent said it was necessary to make two copies in order that the necessary people could read and study it but that close control is being maintained. The Director stated he desired to make doubly sure that copies of this paper are accounted for, and that the two pants-press copies be destroyed when they have served their purpose.

b. Noted that while the differences between the Powers paper and the latest USIB Estimate on Soviet missiles would be discussed at today's USIB meeting, he made it clear that USIB should not get itself in the position of indicating that the Soviets "cannot attack."

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d. Asked Mr. Sheldon to prepare an analysis of all the messages we have received reporting on the Spaak-Khrushchev conversations.

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f. Noted he had talked to Mr. McCone on 30 September regarding Mr. McCone attending the DD/P meeting of FE Chiefs of Station in [REDACTED] on 16 October. He said Mr. McCone was interested and indicated he would "take our recommendation." The Director commented he felt this would be an excellent opportunity for Mr. McCone to meet the Station Chiefs and learn something of their activities and problems with which they are faced. The Director said he therefore planned to send

to Mr. McCone, [redacted] a memorandum covering the subjects to be discussed and biographic sketches of the Chiefs of Station to be present. He also stated it would be well to have the Chief of Station, [redacted] present. Action: This memorandum and biographic sketches to be prepared by DD/P and in the hands of the Director in time for him to prepare a covering letter in order that it can be delivered to Mr. McCone upon his return from [redacted] on or about 10 October.

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g. Noted an article on the front page of the Washington Post and Times Herald of Sunday, 1 October 1961, regarding the death of an 80-year-old East German grandmother in an attempt to see her grandchildren in West Germany, and commented it would be worthwhile if our psychological warriors could get out a little booklet covering incidents of this nature entitled, "The Wall of Shame." Action: DD/P

h. Noted he had a talk with [redacted] on Friday, 29 September, regarding the dissolution of [redacted] and, in particular, personnel problems arising therefrom. Mr. Amory stated he was aware of this matter and steps are being taken to place these people either within the Agency or outside.

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In connection with personnel problems, Mr. Kent raised the question of [redacted]'s return to the Board of National Estimates, and stated quite frankly that he would prefer not to have him back. He said, however, in all justice to [redacted] he might be of some use to the DD/P. Mr. Amory noted he was also looking into the [redacted] problem and Mr. Bissell undertook to see if he might be used in his area.

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i. Asked Mr. Amory to see Chip Bohlen before the USIB meeting this afternoon in an attempt to get a rundown on the recent Secretary of State-Gromyko conversations.

j. Noted that nothing recent had been heard from [redacted] and directed that we attempt to get him back to [redacted] if he is not already there. Action: DD/P

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k. Referred to Project [redacted] and noted his intention of speaking to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget about this project.

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l. Noted the nominations to attend the senior Department of Defense schools, and commented he agreed with the rationale of DDCI and DD/I respecting the non-selection of [redacted] i. e., (1) that he had no

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25X1 real need to rub elbows with members of the community because of his present duties and contacts he thereby has made, (2) the impending change in leadership of the Agency dictated a need for continuity in the IB Secretariat. He said [] therefore should not be considered as a candidate for the National War College.

25X1 m. Referred to Project [] and stated that before discussions are held with the Bureau of the Budget, the proposal regarding financial support should be raised at a meeting of the Special Group, preferably at the meeting scheduled for 5 October. Action: Mr. Bissell

MR. HELMS:

Reported that the Secretary of State has not yet acted on the proposal that Sixth Fleet aircraft monitor shipping from Alexandria, Egypt, during the current Syrian/Egyptian crisis. Mr. Bissell commented that we still have a U-2 in Turkey which could be used for this purpose. The Director stated in view of the Turkish recognition of the new Syrian Government, it might be worthwhile to look into employing this aircraft for the purpose indicated above. Action: DD/P

NOTE: During the meeting the Director received a call from Pierre Salinger regarding the possibility of Cornelius Ryan doing a book on OSS and General Donovan in particular, and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to follow up on this. The Director told Mr. Salinger that it was his understanding that Ryan had already been contacted and we would furnish him such material as is available and can be properly declassified.

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