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31 July 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Col. White, Mr. Helms, Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to the Soviet Twenty-Year Plan recently announced by Krushchev and asked how we planned to deal with it in our propaganda activities. Mr. Helms noted an article in today's Washington Post and Time-Herald by Reinhold G. Ensz -- "New Red Plan is a Catalogue of Failures" -- and commented that, in his opinion, the contents of this article set forth a reasonably good line to follow. He said, however, that our people are in touch with State for the purpose of obtaining policy guidance and views.

The Director remarked that in view of the importance of Krushchev's announcement, he would prefer that when published by the FBIS, it not come out in the usual form but rather be printed on better paper since he intended to disseminate copies of this document to high levels in the Government. The Director also commented that he had for some time been thinking about sitting down with some of our Soviet experts and stated that in view of the new Soviet plan, this might be a good time to do it.

b. Noted an exchange of cables with the [REDACTED] regarding the proposed visit of [REDACTED] and stated he thought this can best be handled by advising the station that further consideration will be given to the visit after the [REDACTED] situation has settled down. ACTION: Mr. Helms.

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d. Noted a cable [] setting forth a view that Castro, in his 26 July speech, seemed to be slipping and commented we should be able to help this along. For example, he said, we could play up that the old revolutionary Castro is now just another Soviet puppet getting his orders directly from Moscow. *action DD/P.*

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e. Asked Mr. Helms to have a paper prepared for discussion at the next meeting of the 5412 group on the new organizations now coming forth who wish to dispose of Castro and return Cuba to the Cubans.

f. Noted record of action of the President's committee, dated 28 July 1961, and asked [] to retain one copy for the IG master files and make copies for the DCI and the DD/P.

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h. Noted [] had left a memorandum indicating that there is a great deal of information in the Hoover Library on the [] and asked Dr. Kent to determine whether this data might be of any use to CIA.

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i. Stated he would like to send Secretary of Defense McNamara some comments on his analysis of the Moscow fly-by and, after some discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Kent would discuss this matter with Mr. Roswell Gilpatrick, Deputy Secretary of Defense. The Director also indicated his intention of mentioning this at the next meeting of the Special Group and asked Dr. Kent to prepare a memorandum on this subject.

MR. HELMS:

Reported that Arthur Schlesinger had attempted to get in touch with Mr. Bissell last Friday afternoon but had been unable to do so. As a result, he (Mr. Helms) called Mr. Schlesinger and found out that [] is interested in the [] case and thought something should or could be done about it. Mr. Helms said we had previously furnished Mr. McGeorge Bundy a memorandum on this matter and undertook to see that a copy is made available to Mr. Schlesinger.

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MR SHELDON:

a. Reported that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy had requested its regular briefing from the Director on 16 August. It was pointed out that our big estimate on the Soviet atomic energy program would not in all probability be ready before about the first of September. After some discussion it was agreed that if possible this estimate should be finalized before the briefing of the committee and it was suggested that this item be raised at tomorrow's USIB meeting. The Director approved.

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