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12 July 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell,  
Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms,  
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting), Mr. Kent,

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MR. DULLES:

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b. Referred to the request from the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee for a briefing prior to its scheduled hearings on the U. S. missile programs and prospects for survival. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the committee had asked for about a two-hour briefing on the Soviet military posture and that he had mentioned this to Myer Feldman in the White House but had not been able to obtain any guidance. Mr. Kirkpatrick also commented that he had spoken to Bob Smart about this briefing and Smart indicated he saw no way that we could duck it. After some discussion it was agreed to go ahead and Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to firm up the time. Note: Howard Stoertz preparing necessary briefing notes.

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d. Noted a proposed letter to the field prepared by C/FI regarding the Presidential letter to all ambassadors about assuming full responsibility for all activities at their respective posts, and stated the letter as presently written is too long and too detailed. After some discussion it was agreed DD/P would redraft the letter and the Director will discuss it at the next meeting of the Special Group.

In this connection it was noted that Under Secretary of State Bowles was planning to hold three regional conferences, the first taking place in Cyprus toward the end of July, and that so far CIA has not been asked to send a representative. The Director commented he would speak to Mr. Bowles about this

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Mr. Bissell stated he wished to refer back to the proposed letter to the field and strongly recommended that if the Special Group cannot agree to our proposed letter to the field, the Director take it up with the President.

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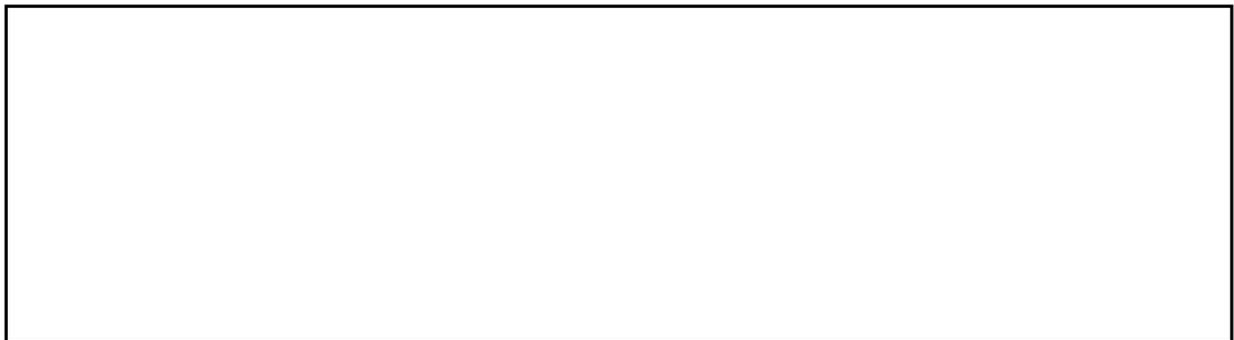
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f. Noted that a meeting on TACKLE had been scheduled for 11 a. m., on Friday, 14 July, and it was generally agreed that CIA should push for approval of this operation.

GENERAL CABELL:



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MR. BISSELL:

a. Reported that Ray Cline had discussed the attitude of the Chinats toward the United States with Messrs. Bowles and McGeorge Bundy, and the latter was arranging for Cline to see the President

b. Asked if the Director planned to make any comments on the establishment in Defense of the Military Intelligence Agency as announced by Mr. Gilpatric yesterday. After some discussion, Dr. Kent undertook to prepare a memorandum for the Director which he can use in talking with Mr. Gilpatric.

MR. HELMS:



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MR. KENT:



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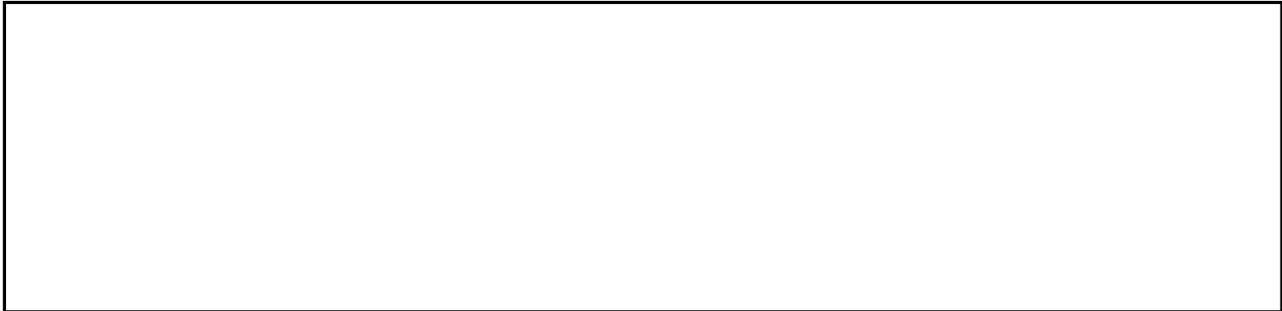


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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Reported that one of the members of the Kilday Committee is seeking an up-to-date briefing on Cuba, and suggested the Director might wish to consider inviting the Committee to breakfast in order that the whole Committee can be brought up to date. The Director said if this is necessary, he would prefer to do it at a scheduled meeting of the Committee.

b. Noted that a copy of NIE 118/61 had been furnished to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and suggested a copy also be furnished to the Kilday Committee. Dr. Kent commented that he did not believe that a copy of this Estimate had in fact been furnished to this Committee since we are only on the hook to provide Estimates pertaining to atomic energy matters.



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