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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Abbot Smith, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to cables from [REDACTED] regarding a request that CIA assist [REDACTED] in establishing a federal intelligence organization, and commented that while we cannot afford to turn this request down, he did desire that this be handled carefully in view of the Station's caution that [REDACTED] may intend to use this organization to monitor various activities, political enemies, and not for its primary task of national security. He said of course what the [REDACTED] do with their intelligence organization is their own business; however, our people should be careful to the extent they become associated with the internal politics of [REDACTED]

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b. Noted that Brigadier General Chester V. Clifton, Jr., Military Aide to the President, had been designated, in addition to his other duties, as the Defense Liaison Officer, and we would use him as we had General Goodpaster in the past, i. e., as a channel for transmitting hot items of intelligence and other highly classified information to the President.

c. Noted he had received a telephone call from his office while attending the Consultants' Meeting in [REDACTED] on 16 February to call Congressman Cannon immediately which he had done. He said that Mr. Cannon had stated that he did not like the Director appearing before too many Congressional committees and in particular mentioned the Mahon Subcommittee. He said the Congressman asked him if there was not some other source from which Mr. Mahon and his committee could obtain information about missiles, and he had replied that he thought such data could be obtained by Mahon from Defense. The Director also said that Mr. Cannon had said that he noted Mr. Dulles was "writing articles for the press." The Director commented he informed the congressman that he had not in fact written an article for some number of years but that the Reader's Digest had requested and received permission to reproduce a portion of his speech for the Veterans of Foreign Wars on 22 August 1960, and that he had no objection since his talk was in the public domain and had already been covered in U. S. News and World Reports.

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