

at

DM-  
20 May 1960

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,  
Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,  
Mr. Abbot Smith,

25X1

MR. DULLES:

Noted the possibility of an investigation by the Congress (probably during the next session) of the U-2 incident, and directed Mr. Bissell to have Colonel Burke prepare a complete record of all U-2 flights, to include authorizations.

GENERAL CABELL:

a. Reported on the Air Force proposal that CIA be appointed the executive agent for handling the read-out of the take from Samos. After some discussion, the Director said there was no objection to our participating in a cooperative study to decide who should have this responsibility.

b. Noted at yesterday's USIB meeting General Erskine had suggested that steps be taken to unite labor behind the President in the stand he has taken on the U-2 and the Paris Summit Conference. General Cabell said that the State Department (Mr. Cumming) had taken note of this. The Director commented he felt this was a matter more within the purview of that Department rather than CIA.

MR. BISSELL:

Reported he had been shown some photographs taken by a Life correspondent in Moscow of the U-2, and commented these are the best he has seen to date. He said it would appear that the punctures in the wing would have to have been made on the ground, and this is being checked out with the hope of disproving the Soviet statement that the U-2 had been shot down at high altitude by a ground-to-air missile. Mr. Bissell also said that Lockheed and Pratt & Whitney are desirous of running tests on the U-2 to determine the cause of the flameout if there was one. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Bissell indicated that the Air Force would participate in these tests. The DCI remarked he saw no objection to going ahead with the tests in question.