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22 July 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Colonel White,
Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Dr. Kent, Mr.

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to a memorandum the DD/P had issued in April 1958 covering the circumstances and authorization under which international telephone calls would be permitted, and remarked that this was an excellent paper. He suggested that if, after completion of the present investigation into [redacted] it was decided that an Agency-wide regulation on this subject should be issued, the DD/P's instruction would be a good model for such a regulation.

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b. Stated that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] who was planning to come into the office that afternoon at 2:15, and he wanted a small group to sit down with [redacted] to give him a good debriefing on his recent trip to Russia with Governor Harriman.

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c. Discussed the paper which he understood was going to be brought up at the OCB meeting that afternoon concerning the visit of some [redacted]

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d. Referred to a paper from [redacted] recommending that the Director discuss with the U. S. Intelligence Board a request that the [redacted] has made to us that they be kept informed of the activities of two [redacted] leaders now resident in the U. S. The [redacted] apparently has been unsuccessful in obtaining any cooperation from the FBI which has jurisdiction in such matters. The Director stated that he considered it inadvisable to discuss this matter in the Intelligence Board forum and was not sure that it should be brought up with anyone. There was some discussion as to the possibilities of discussing the problem with representatives of the FBI and

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the State Department, but it was agreed that the matter would be dropped for the time being at least.

e. Stated he had received a telephone call from C. D. Jackson concerning a marvelous new idea for the U. S. to demonstrate its peaceful intentions to all the world. Briefly, the idea consisted of painting white a sizeable proportion of the entire U. S. Naval fleet, painting large red crosses on them, equipping them with doctors and nurses, and sailing the fleet all around the world, offering medical assistance at every port. All present agreed that this was an impractical idea and would result in a great deal of harm in many respects. This entirely aside from the fact that it would cost an astronomical sum of money to accomplish. The Director stated that he had informed C. D. that this was his offhand view but that we would discuss the proposal within the organization. The general consensus of those present was that the type of small medical missions which go into underdeveloped countries in the back woods areas and really do a medical job for people are the ones that pay off big dividends.

f. Commented that he had called Bob Cushman that morning and warned him that the Vice President might well expect a rather cool welcome when he arrives in Russia as a result of the very poorly worded joint resolution put out by the U. S. Congress on Captive Nations Week. He expressed an interest in knowing with whom, if anyone, in the U. S. Government this resolution had been coordinated since it was obvious that it would antagonize the Soviets by the inclusion of several components of the USSR as Satellite countries.



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h. Stated that he found the monthly letters from the various field Stations to be most interesting and helpful, and referred in particular to the recent monthly letter from the [redacted] which stated that unless the U. S. takes steps to preclude it, [redacted] will soon become a USSR Satellite by default. The Director requested that Mr. Barnes have a study made of the situation there and give him some comments and recommendations as to what we might be able to do.

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i. Noted a cable from [redacted] dealing with some disagreement in the [redacted] Mr. Helms stated that he was looking into that matter and would report on it at the next Deputies' Meeting.

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GENERAL CABELL:

25X1 Referred to Bill Quinn's proposal that the Army send a team into [] for the purpose of engaging in clandestine intelligence collection activities, and asking for our support with the State Department which had turned down Quinn's request. He stated that he was having a meeting that afternoon with Quinn and would take the position that we were very hesitant to make a big issue with the State Department over this particular problem since it did not seem to be that important a matter. General Cabell said he would stress that we did not object to the proposed operation but, under the circumstances, cannot go overboard in attempting to persuade State to overrule their Ambassador.

MR. BISSELL:

25X1 Commented that he did not think it would be necessary for the Director to take up in any detail at the OCB meeting that afternoon the [] paper on []. He suggested that the DCI stress that we 25X1 felt that the State Department and the Department of Defense views on the situation in [] are a little bland but he did not believe it would be necessary to get into all of the details contained in the [] paper. The Director agreed with this approach. 25X1

COLONEL WHITE:

a. Stated that the previous day Bob Macy of the Bureau of the Budget had shown him a paper which, if put in final form, would propose that the State Department assume responsibility for all refugees and exiles in the U. S. and would budget for the funding necessary to take on this responsibility. Col. White stated that he understood from Macy that this subject might come up at the OCB meeting that day. After some discussion, it was agreed by all present that we would be entirely in favor of State's assumption of this responsibility.

b. Stated that he is scheduling meetings shortly in which he will be engaging in discussions with Comptroller General Campbell and/or Mr. Adolph Samuelson on the subject of the audit of CIA accounts by the Office of the Comptroller General. This problem was raised by the Kilday Committee and then again by virtue of Mr. Campbell's happening to notice in an Air Force contract a mention that the CIA was tied into the funding of this contract. The particular contract in question, and several others, deal with Mr. Bissell's special project and the Director agreed that our position must be that these contracts may not be released for audit. However, the Director cautioned Colonel White not to reach a complete impasse with Mr. Campbell on this point

since he did want to check with the White House and obtain its backing before taking a flat position of refusing the GAO access to these contracts.



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