

1 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Items for Discussion, PSB Informal Meeting 2 September 1953

1. Item One: The revised paper contains the JCS and CIA changes. Draft revision is attached. Copies are in the hands of CPP and FE.

2. Item Two: [redacted] stressed again that the Board will have to pass on this paper at its 16 September meeting. The NSC gets it on 17 September. Mr. Phillips announced that CIA would get the State Summary today. I announced that Mr. Amory hoped to have a draft ready the latter part of this week.

On Wednesday, [redacted] will discuss with the Board the procedures to be followed in developing section e of the "Prestige" paper. (For your convenience, I attach copy of the outline the paper is to follow. Please return to me).

[redacted] asked for nominations from the respective agencies to sit on a PSB panel which will write up section e of the paper. Godel nominated Lee Hargus. I told [redacted] to call Mr. Amory and ask him to nominate the CIA member. [redacted] felt Mr. Amory himself might wish to sit on the panel.

[redacted] thought it would be of value to Mr. Amory to know that Mr. Robert Lovett and Mr. Frank Nash have stated that they do not believe U.S. prestige abroad has dropped. Joe Phillips said Adlai Stevenson had also been quoted as saying U.S. prestige abroad is high and that it has not declined. (Someone remarked he had read Stevenson quotations going the other way).

3. Item Three: General Smith will propose acceptance of the merger in principle. Mr. Phillips read from a paper which he will give to PSB for dissemination. It gives State's position. I could not get it now because Joe wished to check it in State to see if any changes were required. I will carry it up to you soon as I can get a copy, if it does not reach me in time to be attached to this briefing.

Godel said that if the State proposal will produce a paper on which action can be taken, he is all for it; that WGS is now so broad it "should be married up and thus get some backstopping."

FOA said it looks okay to them.

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25X1 [ ] said he had individually polled CIA people on the two groups and they were for it. Over the phone this morning, [ ] told me that after having spoken to [ ] is now in accord. *e/PP in accord also.*

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25X1 4. Item Four: [ ] states he will tell the Board what he has been advised by the various representatives. He states they are overwhelmingly affirmative. He will then ask the Board if their latest view checks with what he will have just told them.

5. Other Business: *State*

a. Joe Phillips says State will wish to discuss the question of POWs who do not want to come back. Godel stated Defense proposes the hell with the so and sos, they do not want to return and that's that. Phillips asked what will be told those POWs who inquire about punishment. Godel stated this was still unresolved. For those who do not ask for a guarantee against punishment, nothing can be done. (This morning I learned this will be brought up after Defense offers its proposal set out in paragraph b immediately below here).

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25X1 b. Godel says Defense would like to have discussed its proposed White Paper counteracting Red propoganda about the "good treatment" the UN POWs received. [ ] will distribute a paper tomorrow on this subject. [ ] of PSB informs me there is no need for a preliminary look at it. (After the Defense paper is discussed, then State will bring up the point contained in paragraph 5a above).

c. (This may be discussed, but at eleven o'clock this morning, there still was no confirmation. Understand State was not quite completed its planning yet). State's GER desk would like to see the Berlin food program converted into a long range program. In this connection, I attach a memorandum by Mr. John Bross dated 11 August 1953, with reference to "Food Depots along Zonal Boundaries." It was intended for DCI in case that subject were to be discussed at the 12 August 1953 meeting. No meeting was held that day. The paper sets out CIA objections to food depots. This, of course, would be one small aspect of any long range food program, but in view of the strong position Mr. Bross takes and also in view of the fact that conceivably the question of food depots along the zonal boundary may come up for discussion, I attach this document for your information. You will note CPP has indicated approval of Mr. Bross' position.

6. Miscellaneous: These will not be on the agenda:

a. What to do in W. Europe as a Christmas Gesture. This should not necessarily be limited to food, [ ] feels. The Staff agreed that a special panel should be set up with a representative from each agency. I

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25X1 agreed this was best way of handling the matter. I have asked CPP to nominate someone to be the CIA member on this panel. Godel says Defense would like to see all major commands hold open house and give away stuff. [ ] stated this was a special package but Godel stated he will pass it along to the above-mentioned special panel when it is formed.

b. Joe Phillips facetiously asked who had authorized the two clergymen to drop bibles behind the iron curtain. No one pleaded guilty. 25X1

25X1 c. It was announced that the CIA paper [ ] had been received. [ ] stated he would discuss with me later the need for a financial statement.

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Enclosures:

Agenda

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