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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

I have just been informed that General Smith will raise the question of clothing relief for Germany (see Item 4.3).

He will also present a paper recommending continued food relief.

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Item 2: Handling of Chinese and North Korean Non-Repatriated Prisoners of War in Korea.

This item has been put on the agenda at the suggestion of General Smith. Our people have no particular concern with this problem which is largely in Defense's hands. Our people do believe, however, that attention might be drawn in this connection to the situation of North Korean refugees now in South Korea who may wish to return to North Korea. A cable from Ambassador Briggs expresses the view that few N. Koreans, if any, will want to return.

Item 3: Memorandum to Acting Director, PSB from Mr. [redacted]  
on behalf of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence,  
dated August 14, 1953.

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This item is on the agenda at your request.

3.1 Memorandum requesting that the item be placed upon the agenda.  
(This memorandum has been circulated to the PSB).

3.2 SE Division memorandum on this subject. Supplementary information is attached.

Item 4: Other Business.

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*10 ER for file* 4.2 Periodic reports (18 and 25 August) on implementation of PSB D-45.

4.3 State telegram from Bonn, #654, August 14 transmitting a letter from Adenauer to the President expressing thanks for food relief and pointing out the problem of clothing relief. For information only, although General Smith may raise this matter at the meeting. There is also a letter from Reuter on West Berlin unemployed. The President has this letter and no copies are available.

*To ER for file* 4.4 Fifth report on Working Group (Stalin).

For your information, the following notes:

a) [redacted] will join Ambassador Lodge on 8 September and remain with him through October.

b) You may be asked for a progress report on the estimate of U.S. prestige abroad. The deadline for reports from the field was 24 August. It is planned to have the estimate ready for transmittal to PSB about 8 September. The PSB deadline for getting the entire paper to NSC is 17 September.

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