

14 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: INSPECTION & REVIEW STAFF (CHIEF)

SUBJECT: Proposed Discussions Between CIA and British Secret Services Concerning Albania

REFERENCE: Your memorandum for the file, same subject, Dtd. 5 Jan 53

1. I discussed this subject on 8 January with [ ] advising him that although we approved a meeting in principle, we felt that for a variety of reasons it could not profitably take place before May of this year, at the earliest. Meanwhile, I told him, we would be happy to take up on an item-by-item basis any points which his Home Office wished to raise with us through him.

2. [ ] replied that he understood and accepted our reasoning, and felt that there was no hurry for a conference. I asked him specifically if he knew of any points of difference which now existed between his headquarters and ourselves on the subject of Albania, and he replied that he knew of no points of friction at all. He said, as he understood the matter, the British and the Americans had customarily met on this matter once a year and, since the last meeting was held in February, 1952, they felt another one now would be in order.

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