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27 February 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

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Presided at Conference held this date in the Office of Secretary of Defense. Present:

Mr. Forrestal

General Napoleon N. Zervas (Greece)

Mr. Lambert (American of Greek ancestry, home: San Diego, representing American firm in Greece for several years; acted as interpreter for Gen. Zervas and was also a source of information.)

Admiral Souers, NSC

Captain Fullenwider, representing Admiral Inglis, ONI

General Bolling, representing General Chamberlin, G-2

First asked the General (Zervas) to discuss conditions in Greece and then followed this by asking questions.

It was immediately obvious that Gen. Zervas' main interest is in persuading the American government that the present military plan of operation in Greece is not suitable to clear up the situation there. He has a plan of his own which appears very sound and more or less parallels a plan recently recommended by General Chamberlin. Incidentally, he indicated his own great experience in the guerrilla warfare school and inferred that he might be the proper individual to handle the affair. He showed great disgust with the lack of knowledge and understanding of the Greek General Staff and military advisors of other countries.

Based on his remarks, I arranged a further meeting with him and he is going to appear in the Intelligence Division of the Army Saturday, 28 February, and go into more detail on the military implications.

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Later, met Mr. Herman Horton and Mr. Gilpatric, OSO, at the Carleton and briefed them a little more on General Zervas and the particular thing we were after. Introduced them to General Zervas and Mr. Lambert and explained to Mr. Lambert that this was part of a group of people who were interested in planning future activities for the Government in many fields, and this visit of the General was particularly interesting; that after he gave them all a background of the situation in Greece, I would like to have him go into his ideas of what might be done in Greece after the country was stabilized and it might be desired to reverse the process in connection with other countries.

[Redacted Signature]

Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

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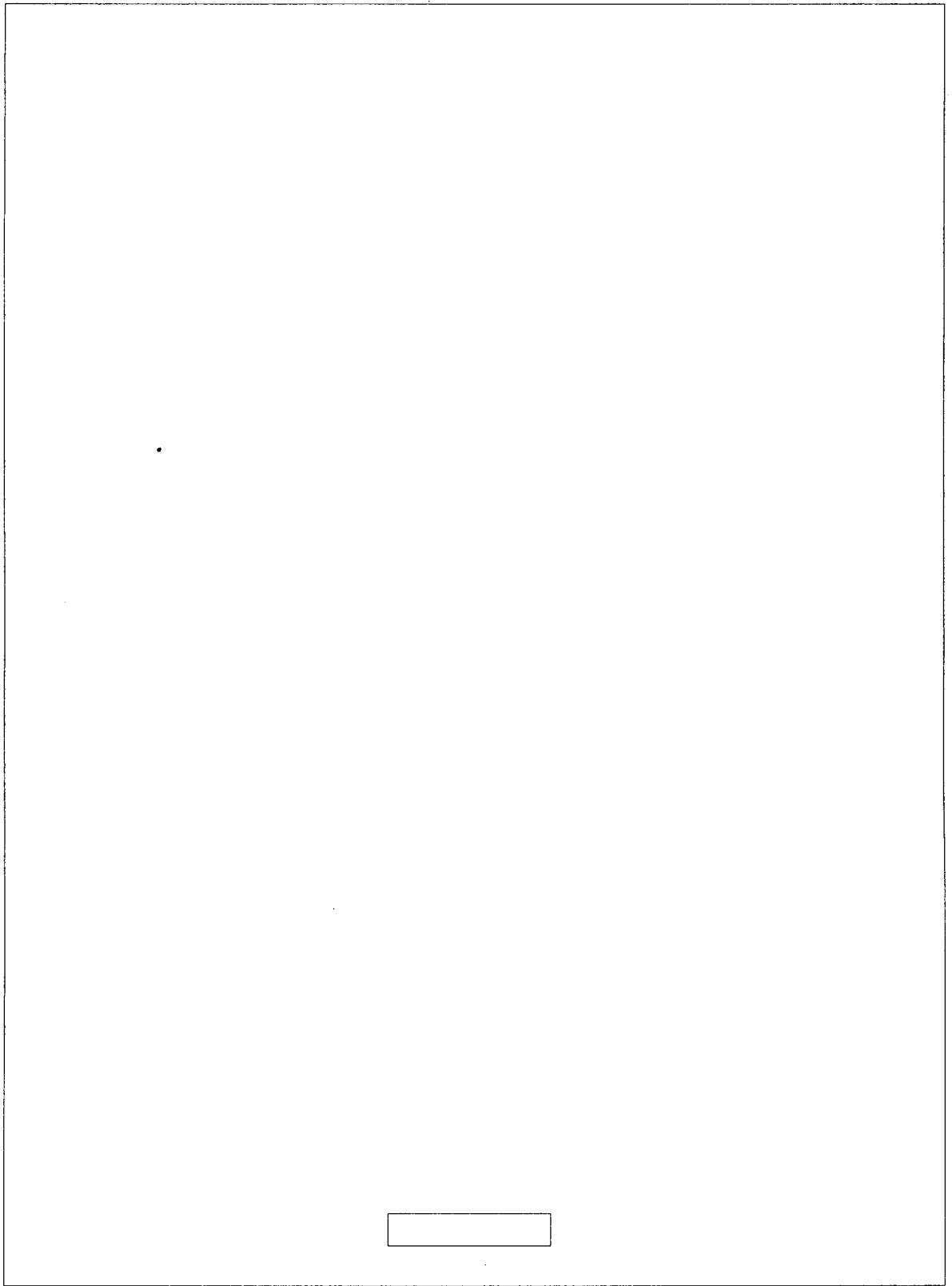
Meeting in Mr. Forrestal's office
tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Adm Souers,
Gen Alex Bolling (for Gen Chamberlin),
Capt Fullenwider (for Adm Inglis)
will be present. Mr. Souers feels that
the meeting should be run by General Wright
as a matter pertaining more closely to CIA.
Mr. Forrestal will drop in on and off during
meeting.

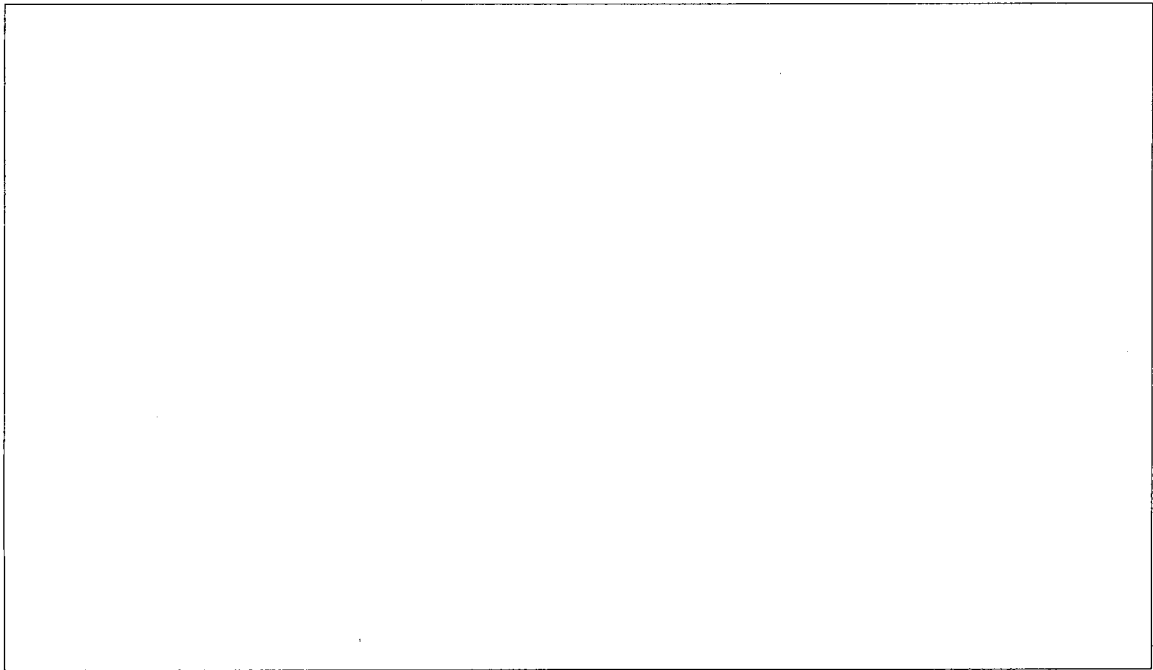
GUEST: GENERAL NAPOLEON ZERVAS

Per Miss Foley 5:10, 2/26

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Called [redacted] ORE, for background information on General Napoleon N. Zervas. Later a brief sketch of subject was furnished by [redacted] of ORE.

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(See Memo for Record covering above conference, dated 27 Feb 48.)

Later, Mr. Gilpatric and Mr. Horton met with DD and Gen. Z for further discussion.

[redacted] reference call from Comdr. Grantham, White House Aide, requesting that we furnish available information on the Honduras-Nicaraguan situation, which could be cabled to Admiral Leahy, with respect to possible revolution.

General Lemnitzer, National War College, reference lecture by Deputy Director before War College Students and staff on 25 March.

Admiral Gingrich, AEC, reference the meeting of USCIB today at which it was agreed that a group of scientists were to be furnished certain material. Deputy Director advised that the Director would desire to discuss the matter further with the IAC.

Transportation Branch requested to furnish rates, sailing dates, deck plans, description of facilities, etc., on S.S.AMERICA.

Mr. Pforzheimer, Asst Gen Counsel, reported that one of the Congressmen had mentioned the report that the Russians had recently made a large purchase of about 10 thousand tons of natural rubber in the Singapore area and added that he would be interested in knowing if there was any basis for the report.

Called [redacted] ORE, to alert his people to any report on the purchase; he stated that so far nothing had been received to substantiate the report.

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Miss Ruby Juster, Pathfinder News Magazine, DI 4122, reference her desire to write an article on the Foreign Broadcast monitoring service---wanted to make a trip to see the operational side of the office. Deputy Director advised that, of course, this was impossible but would be glad to talk with her. An appointment was arranged for Monday at 11 AM.

Col. Shannon, Exec A&M, reference an inquiry by Col. Treacy, G-2, of Col. Sherman, ICAPS, regarding Mr. Wm. Jackson, member of the CIA investigation board. The Deputy Director called Lt Col Treacy and gave him a brief background sketch of Mr. Jackson: (col, reserve corps; partner in law firm of J. H. Whitney; G-2 Section of 12th Army Group---loaned to OSS early in war in order to install, in connection with the British, a kind of American CE file in London; has had considerable experience in over-all intelligence field, particularly on the covert side.) Lt Col Treacy stated they had sufficient information on the other members---Mr. Dulles and Mr. Correa.

[redacted] ORE x 2875, reference approximately 39 cases of documents belonging to Boris Nicolaevski, currently being screened by Document Branch. Mr. Nicolaevski is anxious to have material returned to him at New York. The DD stated that if Mr. Rozitski, OSO, and [redacted] ORE, had obtained all the information they desired from the documents, that arrangements could be made for their return to Mr. Nicolaevski.

Col. Shannon, ExA&M, concerning nuclear energy intelligence. Stated that he concurred in the draft prepared by DD; it was suggested he obtain concurrence from Asst. Director's on the DD draft.

Reference his discussion with [redacted] Chief, CB, regarding promotion to P-7 of Mr. Kirkpatrick and to P-8 of [redacted] ExA&M recommended approval and obtained DD's concurrence.

Mr. Pforzheimer, Gen Counsel, reference enabling legislation with particular reference to certain number of visas to be granted to enable movement of certain people---quickly and without explanation. Deputy Director stated the undesirability of making direct reference to British method of handling similar situations.

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Mr. Cassady, SO, checked with Deputy Director concerning "Robinson"—
possible double agent.

Mr. DeLoach, FBI, called on the DD in the absence of Mr. Doherty;
was permitted an opportunity to read memo from Mr. Stein and was
informed that memo would be shown to Mr. Doherty on his next call.

Lunched in office.

Advised Mr. Souers, Exec Secy, NSC, of conversation with Congressman
John Davis Lodge and Prof. Valletta, on Thursday, 26 February, and
gave him a copy of Memo for Record, dtd 26 Feb.

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