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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 18 December 1951

There was a brief discussion of personnel. The DCI indicated the possibility that [redacted] could handle the duties of Headquarters Commandant in addition to other duties. Mention also was made of [redacted] Mr. Becker and Mr. Jackson.

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Mr. Jackson reported briefly on his talk with Mr. Brownell who had indicated a serious desire for an organization meeting of the Committee. The Committee was to consist of Mr. Bohlen of State, John Magruder for Defense and William Jackson for CIA. Gen. Canine was to represent the JCS but he would not be a member of the Committee. Mr. Jackson reported that Mr. Brownell desired a directive outlining the scope of the inquiry. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Becker undertook to draft such a directive and submit it to the DCI for approval. There was a brief discussion as to what the position of CIA's representative on the Committee should be. The DCI commented that this was for Mr. Brownell to decide. He regarded the CIA representative as a "prejudiced friend of the Court", but he had no doubt that he would have the trust of the Chairman and the other members of the Committee although it would be realized that he was expressing the views of CIA.

Mr. Wisner reported that he had seen [redacted] but that no matters of business had been raised by the latter.

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Mr. Wisner reported on a message in the Department of State that indicated that a person who was related to someone on CIA's staff was suspected of being a Soviet pay-off agent in [redacted] Shef Edwards was fully on top of the situation and Mr. Wisner wished the DCI to be informed in case the message was brought to his attention. There was no indication of any kind, other than relationship, that the CIA man was in any way involved.

Mr. Wisner reported that the State Department had called an emergency meeting to consider the crisis in Iran and called attention to the Log item [redacted]

The DCI also discussed briefly with Gen. Bolling the [redacted] matter.

Mr. Wolf reported that Budget Director Lawton's office had requested an appointment with the DCI Thursday afternoon. The DCI noted that he was engaged for a PSB meeting but stated 5 p.m. would be okay. Mr. Wolf undertook to make an appointment at that time or some alternate time.

Mr. Wolf also reported that Mr. Shorb of the Bureau of the Budget had said that they were prepared to write a letter to be hand carried to the DCI approving a budget [redacted] and that work had already begun on the drafting of such a letter. The DCI expressed his pleasure at this result.

Mr. Wisner reported that he and [redacted] had spent a considerable time of the preceding day with area and division chiefs putting across the DCI's ideas on the presentation of projects to the PSB.

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In connection with the foregoing, the DCI expressed his view that CIA presently has too many personnel and it cannot expand at the rate contemplated. He felt reasonably certain a number of projected projects would not be approved and he felt that it was inadvisable to hire new people for such projects or to replace people who left for one reason or another. He also indicated the desire to have the people hired commit themselves to stay with CIA for a minimum of 3 years.

There was a brief discussion of unfavorable publicity given CIA by individuals making complaints at various social gatherings and it was suggested that [redacted] might be competent to handle this situation.

Mr. Jackson raised several questions relating to the Princeton Group. He said that Dr. Sontag desired to have Gen. Clay on the Group but the DCI disapproved for the present. The DCI also disapproved bringing Mr. Buttenweiser into this Group.

Mr. Jackson reported briefly on the excellent talk that Dr. Kent had given [redacted]

[redacted] raised the question of the legislative program and legislative liaison but both matters were deferred.



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