

Director's Meeting

Monday, 4 February 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Becker, Hedden, Earman, Col. White, Colonel Taylor

The Director:

a. Instructed Mr. Earman to make a negative reply to the [redacted]  
NOTE: This has been done.

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b. Discussed security and asked Mr. Hedden to determine whether there was anything that could be done to (1) prevent applicants and employees from discussing security tests and (2) strengthen our security program as a whole and, in particular, loose talk and plain gossip by our employees. Mr. Hedden advised of this on 11 Feb. He states he is going into the whole security problem as soon as he finishes his present inspection of OSI.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that [redacted] was to brief [redacted] today and that in a conversation he had had with [redacted] on Saturday that it had been recommended that we attempt to get the remainder of [redacted] people back into [redacted]. The DCI stated that support of these people would present a tough problem. After further discussion, the Director indicated his desire to see [redacted] at 11 a.m. today.

b. Mentioned the cable [redacted] concerning cover [redacted]. After some discussion, the DCI asked that a copy of this cable be furnished Park Armstrong who, in turn, was to make the information therein available to [redacted].

c. Reported on the last meeting of the US Evaluation Board and noted that (1) a report of the Board's limits of responsibility was being prepared for the NSC; (2) Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Helms were to be appointed as CIA representatives to this Board; (3) He would attend the next meeting; (4) He intended to propose that the NSC Steering Committee be "superimposed" over the Board in order to furnish "ideas" and policy guidance; (5) State would in all probability not agree with the above proposal. The Director briefly discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Board and stated that to effectively operate, it should be composed of only one representative each of State, Defense, CIA and FBI and further that these representatives should have authority to deal directly with the heads of their respective agencies.

Col. Taylor:

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a. Referred to the cable of 4 February concerning commando raids and noted the request contained therein pertaining to [redacted] which had not been filled. The DCI asked that (1) Col. White look into the matter of the unfilled slots and (2) Col. Taylor find out exactly what use we intended to make of "these bodies".

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b. Raised the question of extension of [redacted] trip. The DCI approved. In this connection, the Director approved the appointment of Larry Hitchcock as Acting Assistant Director for Research and Reports.

Mr. Hedden noted that he would have six people at his "open house" today.

Mr. Becker raised the question of employment of staff assistants of the Brownell Committee as consultants. The DCI approved and stated there was no need to wait for a request in this regard from Secretary Lovett. Such a request has already been received from the Secretary of State.

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