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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 19 January 1953

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PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Earman

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a memorandum from the NSC Senior Staff regarding an ad hoc committee which was to be chaired by Paul Nitze and stated that Bill Bundy would represent CIA. Mr. Becker undertook to so advise Bundy.

b. Noted a request for construction of housing and office space [redacted] and stated unless this construction was a matter of urgency he would prefer to withhold approval until he had an opportunity to discuss it with Admiral Overesch. Mr. Wisner undertook to determine the immediate need for approval of this project. *S. 1-28-53*

c. Asked Mr. Becker to determine whether the U.S. Naval Plane shot down off the coast of Swatow was on a ferret mission. *S. 1-23-53*

d. Asked Mr. Becker to have prepared a brief memorandum for the Department of State regarding the possibility of the Soviets' forcing the satellites to break diplomatic relations with the U.S. Mr. Becker noted that at the present time we did not have any information which would indicate that such action was being contemplated. *S. 1-23-53*

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that Bronson Tweedy had been unable to see the Director in regard to his (Tweedy's) appointment as our Senior Representative [redacted]. Mr. Dulles stated it would not be necessary for Tweedy to see the DCI and DD/P should go ahead with designating him to the above-mentioned post. In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that [redacted] was being assigned [redacted] as our Senior Representative there and Rolfe Kingsley had been designated as Archie Roosevelt's replacement [redacted]. Mr. Dulles raised the question of Karamessines' assignment upon return to Headquarters. DD/P stated that he (Karamessines) wished to attend the National War College.

b. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] concerning the French Committee for Psychological Action. Mr. Dulles raised the question as to whether changes in the French Cabinet would have any bearing on this committee and, after some discussion, asked DD/P to prepare a memorandum in this regard. *S. 1-26-53*

Mr. Wolf:

a. Reported that we had acquired 66,000 square feet of space next to Quarters I and he was working on a plan for equitable distribution of this space.

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Mr. Wolf (Cont'd.)

b. Stated that Colonel White and possibly Col. Baird and Mr. Garrison were going to the West Coast on 26 January for the purpose of (1) inspecting the [redacted] (2) deciding "on the ground" the construction required for this project.

c. Reported that we had cut our requirement for military officers a total of [redacted] for fiscal '53 and would, in all probability, be able to increase this number for fiscal '54.

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that State had not yet taken any action on the situation in [redacted] and, in response to a query from Mr. Dulles, stated they had been furnished all the information we had received in this regard. Mr. Wisner noted that the Director had been pressing State for some time for a decision on this matter. Mr. Dulles stated we should again bring it to the attention of [redacted]

b. Reported that the President had signed the Summary Evaluation paper and recommended that Lt. General Harold R. Bull be appointed as the CIA representative on the committee to study this paper. Mr. Dulles approved.

c. Stated that as of the moment no news had been received on the Guatemalan elections.

Mr. Hedden, in response to a query from Mr. Dulles, stated he had prepared a memorandum for record regarding our dealing with Corcoran on the evacuation of the CATI aircraft, which was in the hands of Mr. Houston, and stated that there was a verbal agreement between the Director and Deputy Secretary of Defense Foster that Defense and CIA would equally share the loss incurred

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