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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 26 January 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Becker, Helms, Houston, Earman

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Noted that at such time as General Cabell assumes his responsibilities as DDCI he would be available for meetings, briefings, consultations, etc. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

b. Asked Messrs. Becker and Houston to make a final check on proposed legislation concerning the Agency and stated he desired to submit this legislation to the Congress prior to the Director's departure.

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c. Stated we should appoint one individual on the Truscott level as liaison officer between CIA and [redacted]

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d. Stated that the large numbers of East Germans now entering West Germany should present a real opportunity to use our defector center there and asked Mr. Helms, as a matter of urgency, to dispatch a cable to General Truscott requesting an analysis of our activities in regard to this situation. In connection with defector operations, DDCI noted that he and Mr. Becker had recently met with a high-level group in the Pentagon and one of the points this group had raised was intelligence gained from defectors, particularly in the field of Soviet intentions. DDCI also noted that he had been compelled to give a rather discouraging reply to this question together with a statement that the allotment of additional funds would not materially increase our ability to obtain intelligence on the above subject.

e. Noted a memorandum from [redacted] concerning the briefing for Dr. Conant on the 29th and stated that Conant would be unable to stay for lunch on that date. Mr. Helms undertook to so advise [redacted] (NOTE: The Deputies' Meeting on the 29th will be held at 9 a.m.)

f. Stated that if [redacted] was still in the city consideration should be given to his making a brief presentation during the briefing for the Rockefeller Committee on the 30th. Mr. Helms undertook to look into this.

g. Noted that [redacted] had given a talk before selected officers of the Agency during which he had touched upon the "loose manner" which some of our people obligated funds and stated that if such was the case he desired that such matters be brought to his attention rather than discussing the subject before any group.

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Mr. Helms:

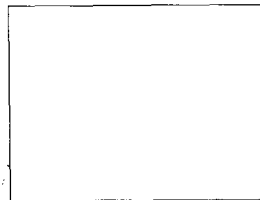
a. Noted an article in the current McCall's "Stalin and His Three Wives" by Budu Svanidze and stated that possibly the author might have "other" information that would be of interest. Mr. Earman undertook to obtain this article for the DDCI.

b. Stated that the latest reports indicated that the [redacted] had quieted down.

c. Briefly discussed the agenda for the briefing of the Rockefeller Committee and undertook to (1) prepare a memorandum for DDCI on this; (2) personally present the [redacted] flap; (3) instruct [redacted] to be present at the briefing prepared to give a ten-minute presentation.

d. Reported that cables had gone out in connection with [redacted] [redacted] DDCI noted that he and the Director would send personal cables to Admiral Radford in this regard if required.

Mr. Becker noted that the reported recent agreement as contained in a State cable between the Russians and the ChiComs was, in all probability, fabrication.



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