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TO : Acting Chief, E/ST

DATE: 30 September 1954

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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Diversion Control Net

1. Mr. Tilson's secretary, Mrs. Lese, phoned this morning with reference to the DCN Meeting scheduled for this afternoon. She stated that she had contacted all members of the DCN other than Commerce and ourselves and that none of those contacted had any subjects for discussion this afternoon. She further stated that Mr. Tilson had requested her to find out if any member had any matter requiring immediate action and that if not, the meeting should be cancelled.

2. I suggested that I speak to Mr. Tilson about this matter; and she informed me that he was out and would not be available until meeting time and had instructed her to make the decision as to whether or not the meeting would be held. I informed her that we had several items to present for discussion and felt that the reason advanced for the cancellation of the meeting was not a valid one. However, we had nothing of an urgent nature that could not be handled bilaterally with the other members and accordingly did not insist on the meeting being held. Mrs. Lese called back after contacting Mr. Lindsay, Commerce, and said that the meeting was cancelled.

COMMENT: The implication that there was no matters of sufficient importance to discuss was distinctly disturbing to me. The possibility exists and should be closely watched that there may be lagging interest in the DCN meetings and the activities of the DCN. The present situation of FOA/MDAC who chairs this committee could have a possible connection with this situation, if such exists.

As a matter of record, it appears advisable to state that we have endeavored to contribute our part toward providing organized discussion for the purpose of making the DCN meetings effective and of common interest. At present we provide each member at each DCN meeting with the following material: (1) IWG Disseminations relating to cases and name intelligence, (2) IWG Dissemination containing an agenda for the next meeting which brings to their attention selected items of CIA intelligence which in our opinion should be considered for action and a list of DCN cases which we propose for review to determine whether or not further action is required or the cases should be closed.

We have also worked out a new form which we tentatively refer to as "DCN Work Sheet" which we intended to present for discussion at the meeting that was to be held this afternoon. Briefly, these sheets contain references and information on intelligence reports, other than CIA reports, which our analysts desire brought to the attention of DCN members for their decision as to whether further action is indicated.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. It is suggested that we arrange a conference with Mr. Tilson to discuss this situation with him and arrive at a determination as to whether or not the possibilities presented above are well-founded. Should they be well-founded, we should take the necessary corrective measures to guard against such deterioration and to provide the necessary guidance for maintaining interest and effectiveness in the Diversion Control Net.

2. Should it be advisable this general question and the question of FOA/MDAC's chairmanship of this committee should be discussed with Chief, D/E, Chief/C and Mr.

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