

DIARY NOTES

27 April 1954

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1. George Meloon and I briefed Mr. Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, concerning the case of [REDACTED] in which he was interested. We explained that Mr. [REDACTED] had never actually completed "on duty" processing in CIA and that due to the unique requirements of this Agency we could not consider his employment here and planned to terminate him on 30 April. (He has been carried on the rolls in one capacity or another since November of 1952.) Mr. Flemming inquired as to whether or not we could put Mr. [REDACTED] on the rolls for a temporary period. I said that we could not do this since we had no unclassified work for him to do and that to put him on the rolls with no intention of giving him a job would be a subterfuge. Mr. Flemming appeared to understand our position completely and indicated that he would personally contact Mr. [REDACTED] and encourage him to exercise his re-employment rights with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He wondered if the Director would be willing to write a brief, personal note to the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission asking that he give this case his consideration. I told him that we would certainly be glad to do anything reasonable to help Mr. [REDACTED] get relocated but that we could only take action after Mr. [REDACTED] had exercised his re-employment rights which, to date, he had been unwilling to do. (George Meloon is preparing a Memorandum for the Record of this meeting.)

2. I talked to Mr. Johnson, Operations Coordinating Board, concerning the status of Dr. [REDACTED] and he confirmed my prior understanding that Dr. [REDACTED] had been placed in a regular PSB position and, in his opinion, had the same relationship to CIA as other supergrade OCB employees. However, he said that when the Operations Coordinating Board was set up provisions were made for Advisors to the Executive Officer of the Board to be carried on the rolls of their parent agencies and that [REDACTED] was to be carried on CIA rolls. He assumed that [REDACTED] had coordinated this within the Agency, which is not correct. He agreed to send me a copy of a document approved by the Board which sets forth the table of organization, etc., and after I receive it I will pursue the matter further. Actually, [REDACTED] is now occupying two positions, i.e., Intelligence Advisor to the Executive Officer, and head of the OCB Special Staff.

3. Asked [REDACTED], Logistics Office, to do everything possible to expedite installation of air conditioning equipment in our temporary buildings. He says the Public Buildings Service is negotiating a contract and that they hope to have all units in place by 15 June.

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25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] of the Medical Office (who has returned from his trip to the
Far East) was over to brief me. He believes medical support to be good but thinks
25X1A9a that all personnel in the field are still lacking in contact with Headquarters and
25X1A9a feel that they are forgotten; apparently they have great fears of not having jobs
25X1A9a when they come home. [REDACTED] believes that this is a real problem about which some-
25X1A9a thing should be done. He told me that Dr. [REDACTED] and the other doctors in the
25X1A9a Far East strongly believe that well adjusted people should be chosen for field as-
25X1A9a signments over highly educated people if a choice has to be made. They also feel
25X1A9a an urgent need for a psychiatrist in that area but do not believe they have con-
vinced [REDACTED] of this need as yet. 25X1A2d2

25X1A9a 5. Talked to [REDACTED] about an Administrative Plan for Project [REDACTED].
He agreed with me that the Project must have an Administrative Plan. I agreed
that it could be a simple one and that if accountings were so sensitive that they
should not be filed in Headquarters they could be retained at the station where
our auditor would conduct a proper audit. 25X1A6a

6. On Monday, 26 April 1954, I ran into Bob Lefebvre (who is in charge of
the GPO Plant located in the basement of South Building). He said that he and
Jim Garrison had had lunch and had discussed briefly the possibility of merging
the GPO Plant with our [REDACTED] plant. Surprisingly enough, Bob seemed to be
very enthusiastic at this prospect and had gone so far as to mention it to Mr.
Harrison of the Joint Committee on Printing. He would, of course, expect to be
taken into CIA as a part of the merger. I think he would also like to find some
way to move the entire plant across the River into the D. C. area. He indicated
that this would be very timely inasmuch as the Joint Committee on Printing was
trying to find some way to have highly classified printing done and, apparently,
was not satisfied with GPO's ability to handle sensitive material. I emphasized
to Bob that CIA would not take the initiative in this matter and that we were
not interested in building an empire or giving anyone grounds for alleging that we
were trying to do so. I did tell him, however, that I approved of him and Jim
Garrison making a detailed study of the matter and that if it appeared to be the
wisest move to make I felt sure the Director's approval for such a merger could
be obtained. H

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what to do about reimbursing him for the expenses he has incurred and I will have to follow through on this later.

25X1A9a 8. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Medical Office (who has just returned from [REDACTED] 25X1A2d1 where he tested certain food to be used in connection with Project PBSUCCESS) advises me that while all except about 2800 of the sausage packets in question are molded to an extent that he does not believe people would voluntarily eat them, they will not, in fact, cause illness if they are eaten. I checked with Howard Preston to insure that we should not be obtaining replacements and he assured me that other arrangements were being made and that no further action on my part was necessary at this time.

9. Talked to Lyman Kirkpatrick about the case of [REDACTED] (who was 25X1A9a terminated not too long ago for misconduct, breaking his cover, etc., while employed by the Security Office) and told him that [REDACTED] should not be rein- 25X1A9a stated by the Agency under any circumstances.

25X1A9a 10. [REDACTED] and I had a rather lengthy discussion concerning the necessity for a Proprietary Projects Board. He does not believe that such a Board is necessary. I told him that I could not wholeheartedly subscribe to this point of view because under present procedures the DD/A had no way of insuring that projects were receiving needed administrative attention until flaps occurred. This lead us into a discussion of the basic principles of the whole administrative setup wherein I told him that, leaving out personalities completely, under the present arrangement we neither had centralized administration nor decentralized administration. Admittedly, it is his job to keep the DD/A advised, but since he neither derives authority from the DD/A nor is responsible to him the DD/A cannot be held responsible for his actions. Deep down under I believe that Ted concurs in this point of view and shares my belief that actually he should derive his authority from and be responsible to the DD/A. However, for practical reasons, 25X1A9a namely, that Messrs. Wisner and [REDACTED] would certainly be opposed to this point of view, he could not publicly subscribe to such an arrangement. This is something which we will undoubtedly have to discuss again.

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