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Official Diary
(Acting DD/I)

Monday, 29 December 1952

1. At morning meeting, DCI said he had spoken to General Bradley who had indicated general agreement with our proposed Summary Evaluation machinery and had suggested as Chairman of the Steering Group a JCS nominee, Lt.-Gen Idwal H. Edwards (USAF), former Commandant of the Air War College.

DCI spoke favorably of Edwards and the possibility of his coming with us. He directed me to get in touch with Admiral Lalor to see where we could start working out details. Did so and was informed that General Bradley had placed the matter in the hands of Major-General Lyman Lemnitzer, who had been instructed to call me. I suggested [redacted] as the CIA representative and the General said, Yes, O.K., he or [redacted] Later, called [redacted] and asked him to check over the papers so as to prepare a list of priority agenda items for our first meeting with Lemnitzer to the end that we might have an agreed paper to present to the NSC and at a very early date.

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2. Received excellent responses to cable request to field for opinions and data to beef up [redacted] Hand-carried these to Kent and suggested that a special CIA/ONE supplement gisting these be prepared to go to the Council - not as a formal appendix [redacted] but as additional data for the Senior Staff's use.

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3. Discussed with Dr. Kent question of sanitizing [redacted] He was strongly of the opinion that the decision not to send it "as was" to the [redacted] was childish and that the sanitization should be as minor an operation as possible. Such an exercise might well lead to a reconsideration of the basic decision. This should be taken up with [redacted] when he gets back from the Historical Association Meetings.

4. Asked Red White what progress he was making towards signing off on our ceiling proposal. He said that he doubted if anything could be done on it until all three deputies prepared their minimum requirements and reopened the over-all ceiling with DCI. In other words, so long as [redacted] remains the over-all ceiling some area or another is going to get hurt and it is not fair to let the first one up get protected by definitive action. Hence, it is very clear that we must keep a close eye on this situation or the reduction proposal for the DD/I offices will be renewed.

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5. Conferred with [redacted] and made a last effort to convince him he ought to make his career the Agency.

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6. Mr. Curtis, of Treasury Foreign Assets Control, called about the possibility of using a certain [redacted] of 8 December, releasible for Negotiations with the Bonn Government, as was done with an earlier item of similar nature. (See State Airgram A641) This turns out to be a [redacted] Cable requesting permission to release was rec'd 31 Dec.

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7. [redacted] pointed out a possible breach of pertinent regulations on Sheldon's stuff in O/RR consultant report. Directed [redacted] to have the offending page re-run with proper omission and see that distribution was made to all recipients and the bad pages retrieved and destroyed. No distribution has been made outside the Agency so the matter is not particularly serious.

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8. Conferred with [REDACTED] on what progress had been made on developing a program of testing returnees to see whether or not they had been drugged or otherwise mentally affected to the extent that it would make them give misinformation unwittingly. Found that this project is now the responsibility of INSO but that [REDACTED] sits in on a monitoring committee.

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9. Also discussed with [REDACTED] the allusions in some of the [REDACTED] material to successful work by USAF on flying saucers. He will investigate once Colonel Leghorn returns to duty next week.

10. General Lemnitzer called to state that the Chiefs were ready to proceed with the Summary Evaluation machinery and nominations on the basis that CIA had accepted Lt.-Gen. Edwards as Chairman. It was agreed that JCS and CIA would try and reach agreement on all major points and then take up with IIC and ICIS and attempt to get a paper to the NSC next week. Meeting with General L. set for tomorrow.

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