

Official Diary

Friday, 24 October 1952

25X1A9a<sub>1</sub>. Spoke to Mr. Wisner as to whether it would be agreeable to have Colonel [redacted] appointed as a point-of-contact between the DD/P complex and [redacted] 25X1A9a of PSB. Mr. Wisner preferred that [redacted] contact [redacted] and I so informed [redacted] 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 2. Discussed with Mr. Sheldon my response to the request related by [redacted] 25X1A9a that General Gruenther receive CIA Weekly's and that such delivery be accomplished through [redacted] rather than through [redacted] DCI approved granting these 25X1A6a requests, upon the understanding that a single CIA SSO representative would be sufficient in [redacted] organization. During my conversation with Mr. Sheldon, 25X1A9a it appeared unclear whether or not CIA Weekly's are now being dispatched for the use of Gruenther and Ridgway. He will investigate and thereafter draft a reply for [redacted]. 25X1A9a

3. Pointed out to DCI the significance of the Chinese Communist reaction to the capture of a British ship recently by Chinese Nationalists. Suggested that covert activity in this respect might have a substantial impact upon Communist Far East trade. DCI noted that he was well "ahead of me and had the particular item in the papers he was taking to the White House."

25X1A5a<sub>1</sub> 4. Reported to DCI a successful talk with General Shortt. Mr. Reber 25X1A5a<sub>1</sub> checked with me by phone his proposed answer to [redacted] and I approved same. Informed DCI that we were rejecting this offer.

5. Attended PRC.

25X1A7b 6. Visited [redacted] During the course of our discussion, I 25X1A7b found that they were in agreement on my thought that "Restricted" is an inappropriate designation [redacted] "Restricted" is a security classification, while all that is needed is a caution that the material in question is not to be reproduced. I shall ask [redacted] in conjunction with 25X1A9a General Counsel, to prepare a recommendation as to a new legend to appear on such reports. 25X1A9a

7. Discussed in a preliminary way with [redacted] the project problem and the nature of the questions that are to be determined by him in connection with projects.

25X1A9a 25X6A 8. Lunched with [redacted] and discussed with him the practicability of my concept of a possible [redacted] felt that this was 25X1A9a practicable, although it might not be successful, from a legal point of view. I later mentioned this idea to DCI and to [redacted]. 25X1A9a

9. Informed DCI that the President had signed the Brownell directive in a form eminently satisfactory to CIA. DCI is to be Chairman of the new

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USCIB, without vote, and there is to be a separate CIA representative who will have two votes, as will the State representative.

10. Informed DCI that Secretary Lovett had sent a letter to Secretary Acheson urging that the United States take an independent position with respect to Iran.

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11. Discussed with [REDACTED] some details concerning the Iranian estimate.

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12. In a discussion relating to the establishment of [REDACTED] I emphasized the point that the CIA SSO organization should be under command of (assigned to) AD/CI by virtue of the Director's delegation of special security responsibility to AD/CI. Such personnel might be attached to the subject to Senior Representatives for purposes of administration, but it was essential that they report directly to Washington. This was important because on many occasions relatively junior personnel would have to take security measures having serious implications against their nominal chiefs.

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