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Official Diary

Tuesday, 21 October 1952

1. Cleared with DCI the dissemination within CIA of a sanitized version of his memorandum to General Eisenhower on Stalin's speech.

2. Sat in a meeting attended by General Samford, Mr. Whearty and Mr. McConnell, representing the ICIS, and [redacted] of O/NE, at which time we agreed upon amendments to the summary evaluation paper. [redacted] is transmitting the agreed amendments directly to [redacted] for inclusion in the summary evaluation as distributed to NSC members. We did not clear these relatively minor amendments with DCI since, on the basis of his initial clearance, we understood that he was leaving such details to General Samford, [redacted] and myself.

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3. DCI discussed with me the following:

a. In view of the budget situation, he requested that the over-all Russian estimate be expedited so far as possible. I later mentioned this to Sherman Kent, who informed me that the estimate would be ready Thursday week, although it might be possible to have it cleared in time for a special IAC meeting on Thursday next. I later spoke to the DCI and he approved a special meeting on Tuesday, if this proved practicable.

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b. DCI indicated that it would be necessary to have a more detailed commentary on [redacted]. I later discussed this with Dr. Kent and he indicated that such a paper would, perhaps, be best developed as a commentary on or corollary to NIE-64, Part II. In the light of our previous discussion I agreed with this view and Dr. Kent is going to have such a paper prepared.

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c. DCI requested me to investigate the scope of dissemination of the recent [redacted] study on thermo-nuclear developments. I discussed this with [redacted] of NED/OSI, who undertook to inform me as to such dissemination and also to forward a commentary on the study itself.

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4. Discussed with [redacted] of NED/OSI the proposal of Dr. [redacted] that he be given a special assistant, relatively free of administrative duties, to do some planning and evaluating in the AE field. Dr. [redacted] very much appreciated the need for such assistance and indicated that there was a particular individual presently employed as Research Director at Los Alamos, who would be well qualified for the position. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that at some appropriate time we would be glad to have this individual brought to Washington, at which time DCI, D/DCI and I could talk with him. I also indicated to [redacted] the necessity

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for doing some advance planning on AE collection and stated that the priority of AE was such that we would not permit personnel limitations to interfere with any development of our intelligence program on this subject. [REDACTED] indicated that he was not limited by ceilings; the real problem was to secure individuals of appropriate caliber for this job. 25X1A9a

5. Attended O/CI briefing on the Soviet Party Congress. My overall reaction was that the substance of this briefing was that the Soviet policy and activities would be "more of the same." I felt that there was a reasonable possibility that there would be a major change of course in Soviet policy, possibly in the direction of encouraging or staging Czechoslovakia-type coups. At any rate, I felt that this point should be kept under constant study. Also discussed this point with Dr. Kent and warned him against the Board's inclination to treat everything in terms of whether or not the Soviets were going to use physical force. The contacts in which a moderate amount of force was employed were very important. Moreover, in the case of Czechoslovakia, the only force employed was throwing one or two people out of windows; yet, this coup was wholly distinguishable from national front approach. 7
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6. Had an extended discussion with [REDACTED] at which time I assured him that we would secure some trading material, and also undertook to have a talk with Mr. Wisner with a view of having a review group look over the "no dissemination" policy of the FI reports staff. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] is extremely upset over this policy and I am satisfied, from the examples he has given us, that FI is asserting its prerogatives in determining not to disseminate a large volume of reports they are receiving. In many cases this appears to be done on grounds that would be appropriate for an evaluation unit, but not appropriate even for a reports unit in an office of collection. 25X1A9a

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