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Official Diary

Tuesday, 7 October 1952

1. Reported to the DCI on the conversation with General Donovan.

2. Reported to the DCI on my discussions with Mr. Douglass. DCI was prepared to go along with Magruder's amendments, but indicated that in our transmittal we should state that [redacted] still disagreed on certain points and desired to talk with Secretary Lovett about them. I later passed this information on to General Magruder. At that time he informed me that State desired to have COMSEC eliminated from the Directive and I concurred on behalf of CIA.

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3. Colonel Rogers of General Ackerman's office reported on Lt. Hudson. There were eight men in the plane. Three bodies were found and some natives on the Islands where the plane came down reported that the five remaining personnel had been taken prisoners. Reported this to Miss Grace Hudson.

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4. Discussed the following points with [redacted]

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a. [redacted] showed me a State report indicating some criticism of the number of CIA personnel passing through Rome. I explained to [redacted] that this was part of the area orientation program of O/CI and other Offices, but felt that we might consider staggering and timing with respect to particular cities and areas so as to forestall criticism of this nature. I shall have to discuss this with the IADs at our next meeting.

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b. [redacted] reported to me that sanitized versions of [redacted] were being passed informally to [redacted] in the Pentagon. He called attention to this to indicate the extent to which we are cooperating with them.

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c. I raised with [redacted] the whole question of contact between the Intelligence Offices and the field. After some discussion, we agreed that the best procedure would be for my office to prepare a single memorandum outlining the present arrangements. This will be sent to DD/P and if there is no disagreement, it will be unnecessary to secure a ruling by DCI on his recent reorganization directive. Any disagreement can be taken for decision to him.

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5. Received from Brig. Tilton a transcript of [redacted] reply to my note respecting Cyprus and informed General McClelland. Also brought General McClelland up to date on discussions with General Magruder on the Brownell directive.

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6. Mr. Price, Deputy Director of R&DB, informed me that they were hopeful of obtaining a Leonard Cottrill, presently with Russell Sage, to head up their panel on research in support of psychological and other operations. He promised to keep me informed, and I said we would be glad to cooperate in this activity. Price is also writing to [redacted]

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7. Attended meeting of the NSC Steering Group to consider the report for the President-elect.

8. Visited Philip Graham of the Washington Post and discussed various problems in connection with our present relations. Graham suggested that where we received a request from any of his people I check with him personally or, in his absence, with Al Friendly, whom I know very well. I also explained to Graham our position on the issue of privilege, which had not been adequately covered in the Post editorial. Mr. Graham indicated that although he disapproved of [redacted]'s suggestion that we have a limited number of newspaper men cleared consultants, because of the obvious difficulty, we might be well advised to have what amounted to a cleared list of such people, each of whom could be investigated in the normal course. This might give us somewhat more assurance when dealing with some, as contrasted with others. He also suggested that in cases where we did not feel our position was adequately expressed in the press, we might be well advised to have some individual write a letter to the editor and this seemed to me to be a practical solution to some problems. I shall review this conversation with [redacted]

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