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Official Diary
(AD/RR Acting)

18 September 1952

1. Lebanese coup seems to have been pretty well predicted and the cables received during the night kept us well advised on developments. Apparently the CIB went to bed after the first rumbles were received and did not include an item on this. Do not consider it serious in view of the numerous previous predictions of this possible coup.

2. At the DCI meeting I brought up Captain Wright's (R.N.) visit next week in connection with the 5-power conference. DCI said to give him the "red carpet" treatment, mentioning a luncheon and the fact that he would like to see him personally. I have alerted Sherman Kent, but have done nothing else.

3. Mr. Tordella, of Admiral Wenger's office, called. Mentioned a paper by symbol which meant nothing to me, so he decided to take up whatever was on his mind with AD/CI.

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4. [redacted] turned up for the luncheon which was attended by AD/CI, [redacted] AD/SI, [redacted] Have talked to [redacted] since, who was pleased. We are lunching together next week.

5. Attended PRC.

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6. D/DCI showed me the Gruenther correspondence and I suggested he call [redacted] Chief of Aircraft Branch, who briefed him on our current thinking and the methods and procedures by which we checked A-2's estimates.

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7. At D/DCI's request, I furnished him with the research papers listed below, for possible transmission to certain governments. In selecting these I used the same criteria that were applied in considering exchanges with [redacted]

ORR - Six Small Steel Plants [redacted] 25X1X7

Trends in Soviet Armament Expenditures

Preliminary Evaluation of the 5-year Plan

Boundary Study of Norwegian-USSR Frontier

OSI - German Men of Science Formerly Associated with Aircraft Armament Research and Development

The Ministry of the Shipbuilding Industry Plant #175 at Alma Ata

Potatoes in the USSR With Special Reference to Late Blight

The Current European Foot and Mouth Disease Epizootic

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State agreed to reexamine need for bringing NIE-46 up to date; however, most of the participants feel it is imperative to do so..

In respect to NSC 128, Macy of the Budget raised the point that the intended uses of forces being created on Formosa could be made more clear.

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NSC 133. CIA's technical interest in size limitation was noted.

At the end of the meeting, question of a comprehensive South American paper came up. State took the more negative position pointing out the lack of homogeneity and the danger of coming up with nothing but platitudes.

Macy urged a paper on Greece and one on "Integration in Europe." Defense spoke to the need of policy as to the non-military future of the NATO organization, especially with respect to American trade.

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