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Friday, 15 August 1952

25X1A9a 1. At the Deputies' meeting Frank Wisner recommended that [redacted] be sent to Turkey and I seconded his recommendation.

2. Chatted with Mr. Amory on Frank Wisner's suggestion that we brief Mr. Harriman on certain questions relating to China trade which Mr. Harriman had put to Wisner. Mr. Amory suggested that we alert William Welk, MSA representative on EIC who has all of the ultimate conclusions although he does not have a special clearance. I later did this and shall also call Mr. Harriman.

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3. Discussed with Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] the O/O T/O for 1953. The addition of slots for contact personnel was disapproved in toto and I suggested to [redacted] that he survey that office and make a formal report to the Director on the results of this survey.

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4. At the request of [redacted] alerted Mr. Dulles that he might receive a call from a man representing certain of the oil companies respecting the FTC Report. This individual had previously contacted Mr. [redacted] who is on vacation and who, as I recall, had refused to comment. Mr. Dulles indicated that he would make no comment, if requested to do so.

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5. Capt. Spruance of Navy phoned respecting an operational item and I referred him to [redacted]

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6. Arranged for a briefing on flying saucers at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, the 20th, in the Director's conference room and notified [redacted] may have eight to ten present.

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7. Having seen an item from O/CD relating to the recent Newsweek periscopic paragraph on CIA, I phoned [redacted] and gave him the background of the discussion at the Deputies' meeting respecting this item and the action that had been taken.

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8. [redacted] consulted me relating to a Newsweek proposal concerning purely operational matters and I referred him to Mr. Wisner.

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9. Also raised with [redacted] the desirability of giving me a copy of memoranda such as his recent one reviewing all of the articles on the [redacted] and he undertook to do so.

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10. Also suggested to [] that his secretary should feel free to consult Mr. Dulles or me during [] absence respecting any question of policy relating to publicity. It was undesirable to have her referring such matters to [] undertook to have this done. 25X1A9a

11. Lunched with Col. Pinkney, during which time we discussed various considerations applicable to the Ad Hoc S&T Committee and I received a draft paper from him which had been prepared as an extracurricular activity.

12. Bill Friedman of AFSA phoned about the communication from San Francisco which I had forwarded to him recently and informed me that he was adding it to his nut file.

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13. Inquired of [] what had been done by O/NE respecting the request by the NSC Senior Staff to have certain outstanding factual estimates reviewed by the National Intelligence process. He informed me that an appropriate minute appeared in the records of the NSC Senior Staff and believed that the matter of Soviet air OB would be taken up in connection with NIEs 64 and 65. I indicated that there was no need for any further report if this belief were confirmed.

14. Received a visit from Col. Todd representing the Air Force planners who had questions concerning the release of the FTC Report. Upon the understanding that this information would not be passed beyond Sec. Finletter, I briefed Col. Todd as to our final review of this paper. He indicated that they would probably conclude that nothing further could be done as to the release of the report, but they might request Justice to delay bringing the case to trial so as to defer any possible unfavorable publicity. I made it plain that CIA as an intelligence organization did not and could not concern itself with such questions.


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