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Wednesday, 30 July 1952

1. At the Deputies' meeting expressed to the Director that after study of the cables from Iran I had concluded that Mossadeq was "crazy like a fox." I disagree with reports indicating that there was any real possibility of settling the situation through action by the Shah or a military coup at this time. It seemed to me that the National Front was the only organization capable of controlling the situation in Iran and even in his most recent statements Mossadeq had indicated a willingness to deal directly with the U.S. The Director indicated that he was in agreement with these views, but we concluded generally that they had been covered in the various O/NE memoranda which we had disseminated. I later expressed the same views to Sherman Kent and left it to his discretion as to whether or not O/NE could profitably make a further contribution in this situation.

2. Also, at the Deputies' meeting, I explained concern to the Director at the fact that numerous reports had been received indicating a deterioration in Thailand's Western orientation, but apparently no note had been taken of this by the policy people, so far as could be observed in the material available to us. Mr. Wisner indicated that Ambassador Stanton suggested that we review this situation and I later requested Dr. Kent to have the O/NE Board consider this problem.

25X1A5a1 3. At the Deputies' meeting the Director requested that a briefing be laid on for [REDACTED] covering highlights in the areas to be visited by him in the near future, namely, England, France, Berlin, Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece. I have alerted O/CI and a 30-minute briefing was laid on. Done

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4. Also notified the Director that Dr. Chadwell and [REDACTED] were back prepared to brief him. I indicated that they had some matters which I thought would be of interest. The Director will give me a time later and Mr. Dulles will attend the briefing.

5. Also notified the Director that the IAC was cancelled for this week.

6. At the Deputies meeting the Director had cable [REDACTED] 25X1A6c which, although an operational cable, consisted entirely of intelligence. After the meeting, I spoke to [REDACTED], who informed me that [REDACTED] of 25X1A9a Signal Center indicated that they were operating under instructions not to 25X1A9a send operational cables to other offices before release by the area Office of Operations. I requested that these instructions be changed so that my

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office received directly all cables of intelligence interest and [REDACTED] undertook to take this up with Mr. Wisner. I shall also speak to Mr. Wisner and raise this same matter in connection with O/CI's desire to have someone screen operational cables.

7. Gen. Partridge called respecting a memorandum which I apparently had sent to him respecting some boxes of material of General Dean, a matter which I was wholly unable to recall. Gen. Partridge indicated that the material had been located but that they were making a final screening because that included some of Dean's personal effects. I have asked [REDACTED] to attempt to determine who sent such a memorandum. 25X1A9a
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8. Dr. Chadwell reported to me on discussions with O/SO respecting communications under the new operational set-up. He felt that a satisfactory arrangement was being made.

9. Dr. Chadwell and I discussed the proposed report of the ad hoc S & T Committee. Dr. Chadwell regarded the present form as less desirable from the point of view of O/SI than the last one he had seen, but indicated his willingness to give the proposed arrangement a fair trial and he was satisfied with the proposed six months' provision. I outlined to him the reasons which had led me to agree to the revised draft and we discussed possible adjustments in O/SI and committees contingent upon this new arrangement.

10. Attended briefing for Sec. Pace and after the briefing commented to him that any assistance he could give in calming down agitation respecting Cyprus would be of direct benefit to all intelligence agencies.

11. Chatted briefly with Adm. Stevens, who is replacing Adm. Kirks, and arranged to furnish intelligence support for him.

12. Accepted Adm. Stevens' invitation to attend a meeting of the Psychological Strategy working group at PSB Second Front Conference Room at 3 P.M. Monday, August 4. This meeting will be attended by Chip Bohlen, Paul Nitze and one other from State, by Morgan of PSB, [REDACTED], Wisner and myself.

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13. Informed Gen. Smith that I was taking a preliminary survey of IAC members respecting a replacement for Gen. Weckerling as Chairman of the Watch Committee. Later phoned Adm. Stout and requested his views. I inquired specifically requesting the availability of Capt. Roeder.

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