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Official Diary

Friday, 25 July 1952

1. After the Deputies' meeting, I suggested to Mr. Hedden that it would be helpful if Mr. Amory and myself could be informed in advance with respect to such matters as the survey of East-West trade and Mr. Hedden indicated that he had not mentioned this to us by oversight.

2. At the Deputies' meeting, received confirmation from the Director as to my views respecting the strategic importance of Iran. Mr. Dulles made the point that, despite Iran's importance, the loss of Egypt might be even more serious, since it was farther within our own perimeter.

3. The Director, at the Deputies' meeting, read portions from an operational cable on Egypt and I later requested that [redacted] release 25X1A9a a copy to me, since there was valuable intelligence in it. *Done*

4. Reported to the Director that the O/NE crash estimate was in the President's book. He indicated that O/NE was, perhaps, too pre-occupied with getting out coordinated estimates and was not sufficiently alert in preparing this type of crash estimate on fast-moving studies. Later I spoke with [redacted] as to how we could work out a joint arrangement for this type of paper. In my mind such a paper has a definite current intelligence aspect, since it should contain a brief current review of the situation to date. It also is an estimate, since it should forecast, at least on a short-range basis, the nature of coming events. The suggestion which appealed most to me was that the original paper be drafted, with due regard for existing tasks and priorities, by either O/CI or O/NE staff and that the final paper be approved by the Board of National Estimates augmented by AD/CI and appropriate representatives from O/CI's publication board. This procedure would be applied exclusively to memoranda for the Director, intended for transmittal to the White House. All parties indicated that they would study the question further and come up with some definite recommendations.

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5. Attended PRC meeting.

6. Answered a question by Dr. Tietjen respecting the Medical classification of Intelligence Offices. I indicated that with the exception [redacted] substantially all of our personnel were permanently located in the U.S. and engaged in what might be termed sedentary occupation.

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7. Visited Director with Col. Pulling, who is becoming [REDACTED]
25X1A6a London. Both the Director and I expressed our great interest in expediting
the return of material from [REDACTED] and Pulling was very
25X1A9a well up to date on this situation. He indicated that discussions were
being held with [REDACTED] to see whether he could assist and I said that
we would do everything we could to help on this. I also mentioned to
Pulling the high regard which all of us had for [REDACTED]. Pulling knew 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] and was well satisfied with the arrangement proposed by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED], namely, that [REDACTED] in addition to his duties for [REDACTED] would
act as Current Intelligence Officer for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X1A2g

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8. Received from [REDACTED] 25X1A9a an outline of recent develop-
25X1A9a ments in Egypt which I transmitted to D/DCI, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

9. Mr. Dulles mentioned a cable sent some time in May to the
State Dept. from Harold Hoskins from Beirut, giving his views as to the
situation in Sudan. Mr. Dulles suggested that I take a look at this cable.
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