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## MEMORANDUM FOR DDI'S DIARY

SUBJECT: Conference with Mr. Seymour J. Rubin, Deputy Administrator for MDAC, and Lt. Colonel Edward Brown

1. Mr. Rubin and Colonel Brown visited me after requesting an appointment with the Director. Mr. Rubin has entered his job within the past three weeks from civilian law practice and is somewhat horrified at the lack of an over-all estimate of the effectiveness of the present system of selective trade controls (Battle Act, etc). He is aware of NIE-59 and the fact that the EEC contribution thereto is confined to the effects of further tightening trade controls to and including complete cessation of East-West trade. He very much feels the need for an intelligence estimate of the net effects of the present program, balancing the impediments on the EEC economy against the antipathy, diplomatic and public, that has and will result from our insisting on these measures.

2. I pointed out to him that a new estimate that would lead to extensive research on the part of contributing agencies probably could not be produced for many months whereas a broadening of NIE-59 to require the estimators, on the basis of presently available data, to come up with some conclusions as to his query might be feasible within a few months.

3. I explained to Mr. Rubin the manner in which National Intelligence estimates were initiated and terms of reference drawn up and coordinated and suggested that if Mr. Harriman were interested in pressing for an expansion of NIE-59, he could do so either through the Department of State or the National Security Council. I also ventured my personal opinion that a request for such an expanded estimate by 15 February 1953 would not be deemed impossible, at least by this Office.

4. I anticipate that he will discuss the matter with Lay and Gleason and probably with Park Armstrong and that a formal request may be forthcoming.

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Memorandum for Mr. Dulles

Subject: agenda for Meeting of Steering Committee at 2:30,  
August 20, 1952

1. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the manner in which the review and recommendations requested by the President on 30 June should be accomplished.

2. The Conclusions of the Staff Study and the Statement of Policy of 135/1 also call for a review of current programs as to size, relative priority, and allocation. In particular, paragraph 9 a of the Statement of Policy calls for a reexamination of allocations in various areas of the world.

3. Up to the present, the NSC Secretariat has published only the reports on The National Civil Defense Program, The Stockpiling Program, The National Psychological Program, and The Foreign Intelligence Program. Still to be disseminated are the military, mobilization, mutual security, and internal security programs. I assume that the reexamination called for cannot be accomplished until all reports are at hand.

4. In my view, some one agency, preferably the Department of State, should prepare a draft review and recommendations for submission to the Senior Staff at an early date (no later than September 8), that detailed review of that draft by the Staff Assistants should follow (during the week of September 8), and that the Senior Staff should approve a final draft for the Council (on or about September 16).

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