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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 29 December 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [redacted] Col. White.

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General Smith:

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b. Noted that he had spoken with General Bradley respecting JCS participation in the Summary Evaluation paper and that General Bradley was in agreement, and wished to designate or at least recommend to the NSC a Chairman for the joint ad hoc committee on this paper. He suggested Generals Kemner or [redacted]. The Director said that we would favor the latter officer [redacted]. He instructed Mr. Abov to get in touch with [redacted] to carry this matter forward.

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Mr. Wisner:

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a. Noted the cable from [redacted]. The Director said what we might well indicate a continuing interest in the [redacted] as long as it cost us nothing, but that he preferred to defer detailed consideration of the problem until Mr. Dulles returned.

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Mr. Becker gave general impressions on his tour of overseas stations:

- 1. He was most favorably impressed by the quality of personnel we have overseas and considers them on the average better than we have at HQ;

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

2. He feels our trend toward decentralization and field coordination through the wider use of senior representatives is very sound;
3. He found the field generally uninformed on the intelligence side, on the general trend of intelligence thinking in Washington, and on Agency policy. He felt this underscored the need for "feeding points" (e.g., Senior Representatives) in the field;

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