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21 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 20 and 21 December 1954 Briefing of the Intelligence Task Force.

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Personnel strength, morale and turnover; Operational expenditures.

2. Colonel Lane again posed his recurrent question as to whether the Division felt that they were receiving adequate policy guidance for their operations. He was informed that, on the whole, the guidance received from the Departments of State and Defense has been adequate but that, at the present time, some of the Division operations have been halted because of a recent realignment. [redacted] remarked that the NSC directives, as interpreted by [redacted], have been most helpful and give the Division over-all authority for all of their operations. 25X1A9a

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3. The Colonel also evinced an interest in the Division's CE operations, and expressed the hope that while in [redacted] he might have the opportunity to meet and discuss CE operations with [redacted], who is gaining a good reputation in this field. 25X1A6a

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5. There was a change of pace in the conduct of the SR briefing by Colonel Lane since he did not desire, for the most part, any additional briefings by the Branch Chiefs after having received the general briefing on organization, mission and operations. He was completely satisfied with what he had received and so informed the Branch Chiefs, requesting only that each introduce him to the members of his Branch. Colonel Lane asked very few questions, in contrast to prior briefings.

6. The Colonel complained of being unusually tired and this may account for his hurried tour on the 20th of December. At the termination of the day he did, however, remark that the Division was lucky in having such exceptionally well qualified and eager personnel. He was particularly impressed by the number who were able to speak the Russian language.



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