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Security Information

3 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with DD/P Regarding Project PEFORTUNE.

1. At 1500 hours, 2 September 1953, Colonel King, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Tofte met with DD/P. DD/P wanted to pass on DDCI's latest position concerning PEFORTUNE as follows:

a. A paper is required outlining contemplated action on the assumption that PEFORTUNE has been substantially approved by the PSB. The paper thus will assume that adequate authorization already exists and consequently it should primarily concentrate on outlining a course of action spelling out requirements to be placed on other participating agencies, such as State and Defense.

b. In DD/P's words: "CIA has already been designated as the marshal of the procession, with a green light to go ahead and submit positive estimates in respect to materiel, services and funds required to implement PEFORTUNE".

c. The meeting was given to understand that the above statements are based on DDCI's interpretation of the current status of PEFORTUNE within the highest PSB echelon.

2. Colonel King stated that he would endeavor to prepare the required paper as quickly as practicable, possibly within a twenty-four hour time limit; he pointed out, however, that the paper of necessity would be of a somewhat preliminary nature. One of the principal agents was expected to arrive from the target country immediately before Labor Day. A debriefing of this agent was scheduled for 5 and 6 September 1953 in New York. Colonel King pointed out that it was quite possible that up-to-date information brought by said agent might change certain parts of the plan to be spelled out in the paper required with very short notice by DDCI.

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