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N.I.A. 5th Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Meeting held in Room 214,
Department of State Building,
on Wednesday, 7 August 1946, at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, in the Chair
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Personal
Representative of the President
Colonel Donald H. Galloway, USA, representing
the Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Secretary of State Donald Russell
Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden
Colonel William A. Eddy, Special Assistant to
the Secretary of State for Research and
Intelligence
Colonel Charles W. McCarthy, USA
Captain Robert L. Dennison, USN

SECRETARIAT

Colonel Donald H. Galloway, USA, acting for
Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., Secretary, N.I.A.

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1. WITHDRAWAL OF F.B.I. REPRESENTATIVES FROM LATIN AMERICA

MR. RUSSELL stated that the Department of State was very much concerned over the intention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to withdraw its representatives from Latin America prior to the time that the personnel of the Central Intelligence Group could properly replace them. He outlined the understanding of the Department of State that the F.B.I. was obligated to remain in Latin America until June 30, 1947, if necessary.

ADMIRAL LEAHY indicated that that was the understanding of the National Intelligence Authority, and he was surprised to learn that the F.B.I. was withdrawing its representatives from the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica by August 16. He inquired as to whether or not General Vandenberg had been informed.

COLONEL GALLOWAY stated that General Vandenberg had been informed and that he had requested the Director of the F.B.I. to reconsider his decision and to retain his personnel until the C.I.G. representatives could adequately replace them. However, Mr. Hoover had informed General Vandenberg that this was impracticable.

MR. BRADEN stated that he had made efforts to induce the F.B.I. to keep its personnel in these two countries without avail, and that he had also been informed, on August 6, that the F.B.I. was contemplating withdrawing their personnel from Haiti, El Salvador, and Tegucigalpa on 30 September.

COLONEL GALLOWAY informed the N.I.A. that the C.I.G., by withdrawing an operative from a European post, was prepared to send him immediately to Costa Rica to replace the F.B.I. agent being withdrawn from that locality; that the Department of State had been advised to this effect, and that the only thing that was preventing the departure of this C.I.G. operative was the processing of his papers by the Department of State.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Directed the representative of the Central Intelligence Group to draft a letter, for the signature of the members of the Authority, to the Attorney General, requesting him to direct the F.B.I. to retain its personnel in the Latin American countries to which presently assigned until C.I.G. personnel could properly replace them. It was also desired that a period of turnover be provided for so that the new organization could be properly oriented and be given contacts in each country.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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