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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Monday, 3 May 1954, at 11 Hours 25X1

Mr. Dulles Presiding

Kermit Roosevelt, Assistant Deputy Director for Plans
Col. Lawrence K. White, Acting Deputy Director for Administration
25X1 [redacted] representing Deputy Director for Intelligence
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General
Richard Bissell, Special Assistant to the Director for Plans and Coordination
25X1 [redacted] Assistant Director for Communications
George Carey, Assistant Director for Operations
25X1 [redacted] Acting Assistant Director for Research and Reports
25X1 [redacted] Acting Assistant Director for National Estimates
Huntington D. Sheldon, Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
James M. Andrews, Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination
H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
Harrison Reynolds, Assistant Director for Personnel
Matthew Baird, Director of Training
Col. Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security
Edward R. Saunders, Comptroller
25X1 [redacted] Auditor-in-Chief
James Garrison, Chief of Logistics
Walter Pforzheimer, representing General Counsel
Dr. John R. Tietjen, Chief, Medical Staff
25X1 [redacted], Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P
Brig. Gen. Jesmond Balmer, Chief, Planning & Program Coord. Staff
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25X1 [redacted] Chief, Technical Services Staff
[redacted], Chief of Administrative Staff, DD/P
George Aurell, Chief, Far East Division
25X1 [redacted] Acting Chief, Near East & Africa Division
[redacted] Chief, Soviet Russia Division
John Bross, Chief, Eastern Europe Division
John Richardson, Chief, Southeast Europe Division
25X1 [redacted], representing Chief, Western Europe Division
Col. J. C. King, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division
25X1 [redacted] Executive Assistant to the Director
25X1 [redacted], Assistant to the Director
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1. Status of Budget

Mr. Dulles remarked that the budget hearings were going well. He announced that there was the possibility of working out a budget system on a "no year" basis which would allow us to carry over savings from one year to the next. Colonel White remarked that the "no year" basis applies to the reserve only.

2. Influence of Current Events

Mr. Dulles, in remarking that these were difficult times in the field of foreign policy, warned that sound intelligence is of utmost importance. He cited the situation in Indochina, the march of Communism, and the attitudes of our allies France, Italy, and England. He pointed out that England and France were very reluctant to take any action that might lead to Hot War. Consequently, our intelligence upon which policy is based had to be accurate and timely. He further pointed out that the Communists had taken, and will continue to take advantage of this situation within the allied camp. He remarked that in Southeast Asia our Cold War assets would be called upon and, in fact, probably strained to meet the existing situation.

3. Statements Outside the Agency

Mr. Dulles referred to an article in the Jacksonville Times Union which reported that CIA had killed action against Senator McCarthy. The Director warned again that we must watch our step on security matters, particularly with regard to making statements in public.

4. Monthly Reports

Mr. Dulles mentioned that he was now receiving monthly reports from the overseas stations and noted with pleasure that the field's attitude toward headquarters was improving. Mr. Helms brought out the fact that while these monthly reports were designed not to include action items, such items nevertheless would creep in and suggested that the division chiefs be very mindful of this fact.

5. Mansfield Bill

Mr. Dulles remarked that at the request of the Clerk of the Senate he had submitted his comments on the Mansfield Bill. In this regard, he stated that he had said neither yes nor no, but he believed that the reply would indicate that we did not want such a bill.

6. Report on Trip

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