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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Monday, 26 January 1953, at 1100 Hours

Mr. Dulles Presiding

Richard Helms, Acting Deputy Director for Plans
Loftus E. Becker, Deputy Director for Intelligence
Lawrence Houston, Acting Deputy Director for Administration
James M. Andrews, Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination
George G. Carey, Assistant Director for Operations
H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
Robert Amory, Jr., Assistant Director for Research and Reports
25X1 [redacted] Acting Assistant Director for National Estimates
25X1 [redacted] Assistant Director for Communications
Lt. Gen. William H. H. Morris, Jr., Assistant Director for Personnel
James Q. Reber, Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination
Huntington D. Sheldon, Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
25X1 [redacted] Acting Director of Training
25X1 [redacted] Chief for Plans and Program Coordination
C. Tracy Barnes, [redacted] 25X1
Col. Sheffield Edwards, Assistant Deputy, Inspection & Security
25X1 [redacted] Chief of Technical Support
25X1 [redacted] Chief of Administration, Office of DD/P
25X1 [redacted] Chief of Foreign Intelligence
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1. Mr. Dulles' Nomination as Director of Central Intelligence

Mr. Dulles, referring to the President's announcement that he, Mr. Dulles, had been nominated as Director of Central Intelligence, stated that, depending upon Senate confirmation, he would assume office on or about 1 February 1953.

Mr. Dulles expressed his deep sense of responsibility for the new job. It is a position, he explained, that held for him the greatest possible interest and entailed, therefore, no sacrifice on his part. He pointed out that General Smith had "put us on the right track" and that he intended to follow the General's lead.

2. General Cabell's Appointment as Deputy Director

Mr. Dulles remarked on CIA's good fortune in obtaining the services of General Cabell as Deputy Director, stating that he had the highest regard and respect for General Cabell. He pointed out that, while CIA is a civilian organization, it is necessary to maintain a proper balance between civilians and the military. Until General Cabell is able to take over full time, he will be available for conferences, briefings, etc., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

3. Future Assistant Directors' Meetings

In closing, Mr. Dulles asked the Assistant Directors to consider, during the next two weeks, whether the AD Meetings are worth while and whether they should be continued.

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