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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Monday, 8 September 1952, at 1100 Hours

General Smith Presiding

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1. National War College

The Director noted that a new policy now limits attendance at National War College lectures to the DCI or his personal representative and indicated that the lectures will remain available in printed form to anyone in the Agency who has need of them. With respect to the value of the discussion periods after the lectures, the Director stated that CIA could invite those War College lecturers with whom discussion would be valuable to spend some time at the Agency on the same day as consultants. Such people would need to be told nothing and, consequently, the Director would approve their use from a security point of view.

2. Loyalty and Security Boards

Because of the difficulty of making up loyalty panels from the limited number of top officials now permitted to serve on them, the regulations will be revised to permit officers below the rank of Assistant Director to be named to these panels. No one will be asked to serve without the prior approval of the Assistant Director concerned. The Director pointed out that, when a loyalty case is under consideration, particular regard should be paid to the security implications of the loyalty charge, and directed that a report with recommendation for action, be made on the security aspects of each case. Mr. Dulles noted that a security review board exists to consider these questions.

3. Expansion of Office of Operations

The DCI noted that the disapproved request for new [redacted] offices can be renewed by inclusion in the next budget and can be reviewed when that budget is considered. He stated that he had disapproved the request because the entire question of personnel is currently under review. As this question is resolved and adjustments are made, the contemplated expansion can be reconsidered. 25X1

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25X1 The AD/NE noted that [redacted] is scheduled to join the Office of National Estimates on 1 October as a regular employee.

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