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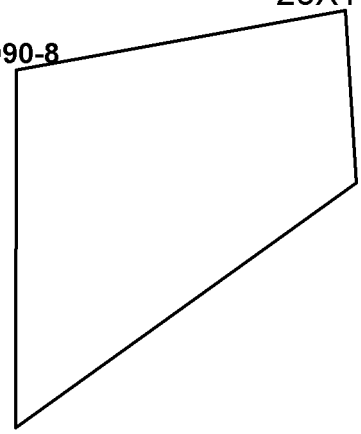

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room
Second Floor
Administration Building
Monday, 12 January 1959

Letter from President Eisenhower	Mr. Dulles
Importation of Goods	Mr. Dulles
Comment on the McNamara Case	Mr. Dulles
Report on Recent Trip	Mr. Amory

Bissell
Barnes

Getting to work on problem of man power.

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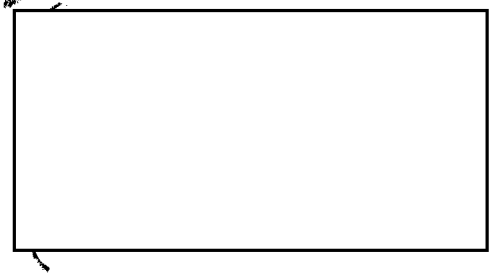

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Senior Staff Meeting of 12 January 1959

1. Mr. Dulles opened the meeting by extending New Year's greetings to everyone present and at the same time advised the group that our problems were getting greater each year. Mr. Dulles stated that he was looking forward to everyone being housed under one roof and that he expected to travel much more widely within the Agency this year than he had done in the past years. He further advised that during this year he would be reporting on certain activities taking place within the White House and also on matters dealing with the Congress. Mr. Dulles read the letter that he recently received from President Eisenhower concerning the dedicated effort being made by Mr. Dulles in the intelligence field.

2. Mr. Dulles also commented on a recent letter he had received from an individual who was a former employee of the Agency and who completely recovered from a nervous condition while employed by the Agency, part of which was overseas. He said that he was greatly pleased to receive this letter and to know that the Agency was standing behind its people in such cases. Mr. Dulles asked that Gordon Stewart pass along a word of thanks
25X1 to such individuals as [redacted] who worked in behalf of this individual.

3. Mr. Dulles advised the group of a recent case brought to his attention whereby an Agency employee imported an automobile to the States, the transportation of which was arranged by the individual's secretary. The sale of the automobile netted the individual $500 profit. However, the transportation of such an item showed an abuse for certain privileges available to Agency employees and the Director cautioned the group to see that our employees were more careful in the future in not abusing such privileges.

4. Mr. Dulles also stated that Mr. Wisner had showed much improvement within the past few weeks and he gave a word of praise to Messrs. Bissell, Helms and Barnes on the occasion of Messrs. Bissell and Barnes' new assignments.

6. Mr. Dulles advised that there was a Manpower Committee set up in the Agency to study the number of personnel that are needed with the purpose of making a reduction in Agency personnel. He further advised that Messrs.
25X1 [redacted] would be on this committee.

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8. Colonel Edwards commented on the tendency of Agency personnel to pass along classified information to former employees and asked that extreme caution be used in talking to former employees.

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