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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 16

Monday, 24 September 1962 - 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Mr. McCone
General Carter
Mr. Cline
Mr. Helms
Colonel White
Mr. Kirkpatrick
Mr. Bross
Mr. Houston
[redacted] 25X1
Mr. Kent

Absent: Dr. Scoville

1. CIA Action on USIB Documents

25X1 Citing the [redacted] package and other problems affecting various deputies, Mr. Cline recommended appointment of an Agency action officer for USIB matters to ensure firm Agency positions before papers reach a USIB meeting. Mr. McCone designated the DD/I as action officer and directed him to prepare an Executive Memorandum for these responsibilities.

2. DD/I - DD/P Agreement

In an effort to establish coordinated Agency positions on matters outside the Agency but within the Intelligence Community, the DD/P and DD/I have reached an agreement calling for senior DD/I officials to work with DD/P area chiefs on substantive points of view, but which will still protect DD/P's operational clandestinity. Some of the provisions are:

a. DD/I activities in the field of intelligence support will supplement, not supplant, DD/P activities.

b. DD/I senior intelligence officers will be responsible for keeping the DCI, DD/P and DD/I informed in writing of discussions with other agencies which affect the Agency role.

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c. Both components are to work closely in substantive activities not specifically nor exclusively the responsibility of DD/I or DD/P, such as activities with State and Defense.

3. Senate Government Operations Subcommittee Overseas Trip. STAT

Mr. Houston is to ensure briefings for them by Mr. Critchfield and Mr. Fitzgerald.

4. Guidelines on Materials for the White House

General Carter expressed concern about requests for information emanating from the White House. Obviously, requests for information from Mr. Bundy and General Clifton for information for the President are entirely in order, but he cited some requests for information other than pure intelligence reporting--and some indicating probably nothing more than idle curiosity. Mr. McCone stated that he has an agreement, 'though probably not in writing, with Mr. Bundy that anything of the nature of covert information requests are to come through Mr. Bundy, or to be issued by Mr. Bundy. All others must be instructed to initiate requests for covert information through Mr. Bundy. Requests for normal intelligence reporting are a matter of judgment, Mr. McCone said.

5. Guidelines on Coordination of Releases to the Press

General Carter reminded all members of the responsibility of the DCI for safeguarding national security information and cited recent White House releases of information concerning Cuban missile sites and Soviet Venus probes, both badly mismanaged. In agreeing with General Carter, Mr. McCone requested a strong memorandum be issued reaffirming our position in cases involving security information and protection against irresponsible releases. The Director again stressed the necessity for components to keep the DCI's office informed of conversations with the White House. Mr. Kirkpatrick is taking action.

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6. DCI Correspondence

In order to speed handling of correspondence in the DCI's office, General Carter authorized a procedure for omitting signature blocks on all material on Office of DCI stationery. Such signature blocks will be completed in the office of the O/DCI concerned.

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AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1500 Monday, 24 September 1962

Need an Exec. Memo on this — Cline will do.

1. Assignment of CIA Action on USIB Documents. (Mr. Cline asked that this be put on the Agenda. Messrs. [redacted] and Elder or Knoche have been asked to attend for this item.) 25X1

2. Agreement Between Deputy Director (Intelligence) and Deputy Director (Plans). (Mr. Cline will suggest that this be raised tomorrow at the Senior Staff meeting.)

3. Overseas Trip by Dorothy Fosdick and Robert Tufts of Senate Government Operations Subcommittee. (Mr. Houston wants policy guidance on request from Senator Jackson for briefings of the staff on the subject of "effective administration for national security" and "coordination in the field". See attached from Legislative Counsel's Journal.)

4. Guidelines on Materials for the White House. (See attached, including your memorandum of 19 July on same subject.)

5. Guidelines on Coordination of Releases to the Press. (You asked that this item be placed on the Agenda as a result of Scoville's concurrence in releasing the information to the press on recent Soviet nuclear tests. You wish to stress that you and the DCI should be consulted.)

memo → LBK will do

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