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Staff Meeting, June 25, 1952

Present:

Allen
Morgan
Sherman
Browne
Taylor
Futnam
Johnson

Idilly
Phillips (State)
Godel (OSD)
..... (CIA)
..... (CIA)
Gange
Barnett
Degener



President's Memo to Board

Allen reported that the President's memo to PSB has been received together with Budget Bureau report. Allen reported his feeling that this exercise has been a healthy one and that PSB comes out in good shape. Allen will circulate to members.

U.S.-British Rift Over Yalu Bombing.

Phillips reports British are very unhappy that U.S. did not consult with them before Yalu bombing. State Department thought U. S. military was coordinating with British military on this but did not.

BW Paper

What Bruce reported to his staff on BW paper differs from what PSB staff, CIA and Defense representatives understood occurred, Phillips reports. No decision was made as to whether ad hoc watch committee or FOC should handle the recommendations, Phillips said. Johnson said it was his impression that no comment was made on Bruce's comment, from a reading of the transcript. Johnson said these procedural aspects are not as important as the substantive ones.

Action:

Johnson will discuss further with Phillips.

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Flying Saucers

May 5 issue of O Cruzeiro, Brazilian magazine, contains what are alleged to be authentic photos of flying saucers, Putnam reports. Craig making efforts to get negatives for analysis.

Craig's Active Duty Tour

Craig reported on his short tour of active duty with G-2 on Governor's Island, New York.

Inventory Paper

Taylor inquired about further staff comments on Plans' Inventory Paper. Staff had none.

Action:

Paper approved for circulation to PSB members.



"Dynamic Whales"

Taylor reviewed "whales" noted in his memo of June 24 to staff which he suggests be discussed by the Board:

a. Berlin

Taylor says use of Berlin as an operational base seems to be diminishing, based on Laskey's recent comments. RIAS' future seems doubtful. Taylor believes we should not count too much on Berlin in future. In view of this possibility, Taylor suggests we make maximum use of Berlin while we can still use it. Discussed possible uses of Berlin in the coming period, perhaps as site for a large-scale meeting of the Congress of Cultural Freedom to "celebrate" the October Revolution.

Suggests Acheson's forthcoming speech in Berlin might provide a good opportunity to launch any ideological warfare line that may be appropriate. Allen concurs.

b. Unofficial International Seminar ("Atlantic Assembly")

Taylor suggests possibility of an unofficial international seminar similar to the American Assembly which Eisenhower established at Columbia. Membership would be American and European in composition. Believes it would help solve some of the problems Rossony raised in his last briefing.

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