MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH ALLEN W. DULLES
Saturday, May 24, 1968 - 6 p.m.

We discussed the French situation. I thought this was o.k.

He suggested that there might now be prepared for contingent use a letter from President Eisenhower to General De Gaulle which could be delivered promptly if and when De Gaulle came to power. I said I thought this deserved consideration and would receive it.

Mr. Dulles thought that Molot might play a decisive role and that it was extremely important that if a show-down arose Molot should try to bridge the gap with De Gaulle, rather than unite with the Communists in a front populaire.

Mr. Dulles discussed the designation of Secretary Murphy to confer with Mr. Deane (UK) about joint guidance on possible use of atomic weapons. He felt that it was very important that his agency should be a full participant in these discussions. I said I would bring this to Mr. Murphy's attention.

He also referred to a letter from Mr. Herter suggesting that Mr. Murphy should chair the group which would study the creation of more effective covert forces.

Mr. Dulles felt that while Mr. Murphy personally was entirely agreeable, he did not think this was primarily a matter for the State Department, and probably CIA should head the group.

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