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Mr. Dimmitt of the Intelligence Office of Civil Defense requested any information we might have with respect to Russian . civil defense preparations. He noted that some senator had charged that Russian preparations in this field were far in advance of those of the United States. I left open the question of whether CIA was the correct agency to receive such an inquiry and raised a serious question as to Civil Defense's "need to know" information of this nature. Mr. Dimmitt indicated that they desired only the most general type of information. Without making any commitment, I undertook to see what the attitude of our Agency would be to furnishing such information. Later in the day I referred this inquiry to Mr. Reber, requesting initially whether CIA was the correct agency upon which to make such a request. HR70-14 reported by phone with respect to progress made during my leave on reorganizing O/PC and PRC projects procedures. noted that he had written a procedural memorandum on this point and such memorandum was given to me Thursday morning bv Passed on to the names of three individuals recommended by Mr. McKee of G-2 for posts in the situation room.



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At the request of the DCI ascertained from Dr. Chadwell the facts with respect to a project or to which, at the request of Secretary Kimball of the Navy, Admiral Souers had made inquiry.

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