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History Staff Bi-Weekly

Ken accounted for most of our outside activity in this period. He received from IPD an FOIA request from Prof. Thomas Patterson of the University of Connecticut for Jack Pfeiffer's Bay of Pigs history; he plans to deny the request on the grounds that it is an unfinished draft. In response to a telephone request from Ted Gittinger, oral historian at the LBJ Library, for DO help in arranging interviews with retired Agency officers who served in Southeast Asia in the 1960s, Ken checked with DO/IMS and then told Gittinger that, while prospects for help are slim, DO will consider his request if he sends Ken a specific proposal. Ken referred to DO/IMS a request from the Army's Center of Military History for information on a 1945 OSS mission in Austria. The CMH request originated with a telegram from the US Defense Attache in Vienna. Ken has been in touch with the DO/RMO about the request from Edward Boughton (Secretary of the Veterans of OSS) to use OSS films in a movie he is making for the Donovan Memorial Foundation. Having found no way to by-pass the FOIA queue, DO has agreed to review all the OSS film later this month in the hope that it can be declassified and transferred to the National Archives with the rest of the OSS records.

STAT Since the visit of [] and two other ORD officers, Ken has received a copy of their 7 August 1984 letter to the DCI proposing a small unit to analyse Agency experience. This, rather than any revival of the 1980 ORD proposal for a National Intelligence University, seems to explain their interest in the History Staff.

STAT Ken enlisted Don's help in responding to a call from [] OP, for uncompartmented information about DDS&T/OTS contributions to the US space program for a videotape OP is making for new employees. Don checked the OTS histories, with negative results, but made some other suggestions and put [] in touch with [] of OTS who had prepared a slide-tape for that office.

STAT Diane has finished most of the work on her project of entering the History Staff's holdings [] into the Agency's computerized records system. She is waiting for a promised memo downgrading a group of TS documents and for the assignment of one job number before finally closing out that massive undertaking.

Diane has also taken two additional tests as part of OTE's control-testing of its revised Russian-language exams.

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Ken and have interviewed three candidates for our staff historian position; two are Agency employees and one was from outside. Two more interviews are scheduled for Tuesday -- one with an employee and one with an academic. The other Agency applicant appears to lack the minimum credentials.

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Bob returns from his week of leave on Monday. Ken will be back from his two days of leave on Tuesday.

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