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4. Mr. Houston and I discussed with Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget for Legislative Reference, the question as to whether the proposed Overseas Allowances Act of 1955, as general legislation, would in any way overrule the specific authorities of the CIA Act of 1949. Mr. Jones is of the opinion that our specific authorities will not be overridden; that we can utilize the provisions of the Overseas Allowances Act of 1955; but that our authority for expenditure of unvouchered funds was in no way impaired. Mr. Jones suggested that we also clarify this point with the General Counsel for the Comptroller General. Mr. Jones also urged that we secure a CIA building by direct appropriation rather than lease-purchase, and he was much opposed to the lease-purchase plan for CIA construction.

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