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7. Mr. Wallace in the office of Congressman James C. Oliver (D., Maine) called and said the Congressman desired information on Soviet stockpiling of strategic materials. After checking with [redacted] Wallace was advised that we did not have specific information in either classified or unclassified form on this Soviet activity. Congressman Oliver then came on the telephone and said he was particularly interested in a material known as "cesium." He explained that his interest was in part political inasmuch as Maine has fairly large deposits of this material. He feels that the United States has not given the fullest consideration to the potentials of this material in the fields of rocketry and missiles. He is interested in knowing whether the Soviets have evidenced any interest in cesium. He said he has information to the effect that they have recently been active in getting supplies of cesium from the island of Elba. This matter was discussed with [redacted] of OSI who will look into it and let us know something within the next few weeks.

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8. [redacted] said he had received a call from Mr. Dan Markel on the staff of the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Markel has requested information on activities in the field of oceanography by foreign countries with special emphasis on the USSR. He explained that the Committee was conducting a study on oceanography in the United States. It is expected that [redacted] and a representative of this office will visit with Markel in an effort to reduce his request to a more specific area or perhaps handle the inquiry on a verbal basis.

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9. Talked with Mr. William Colberg (Bureau of the Budget, ext. 658) on the OCDM draft bill to establish a national defense civilian reserve. Colberg said he had not received any Agency reports on this draft bill as yet but personally saw no real need for it. However, some agencies or departments might submit valid reasons for its existence. He was told that while we had not developed an Agency position, we had been impressed by a prior Civil Service Commission draft of this bill and had some concern about the provisions relating to the employment status of persons employed on an active duty status under such a proposal.

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