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1. [ ] [ ] FE Division, called concerning a contact made with him by Jim Pont, Deputy Director East Asia and Pacific Affairs, ISA, DOD, concerning ISA's response to an inquiry from Senator Fulbright about incursions in South Laos. ISA had planned to include in their response a suggestion that Fulbright contact the Director if he wished an intelligence briefing on this area, but [ ] had objected 25X1A to this and I agreed with his position. [ ] was interested, however, in providing Pont with the date of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I advised [ ] that the Director briefed 25X1A the Committee on 28 October 1969 and was present at Ambassador Unger's appearance on 17 November 1969, but did not participate.

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2. Messrs. Houston, Warner and [ ] attended a meeting with State Department officials: Colgate Prentice, Deputy Assistant for Congressional Relations; Stanley Futterman, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Thomas Pickering, Deputy Director for Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs. The meeting was at their request to discuss possible congressional action on the so-called Fulbright amendment to the Defense Appropriations Act. We discussed several possible provisions which might come out of the House-Senate conference on the bill. While no conclusions were reached, it appeared the State Department representatives appreciated the Agency's position with regard to some of these alternatives. It was agreed that we would keep in touch regarding subsequent developments on the bill.

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25X1 6. [redacted] In response to a request from John Warner for Mr. Houston, I talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, about the press reports concerning agreements between Senator J. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Senator Michael Mansfield (D., Mont.) and others with Chairman George Mahon of House Appropriations Committee. In brief, Mr. Preston told me it is the Chairman's position that the Senate should take the Defense Appropriations Bill conference report to the floor of the Senate and vote the measure as has been done in the House. It would appear that no compromising agreements have been reached between the objectors in the Senate and Mr. Mahon.

25X1 7. [redacted] Talked to Bill Cook, House Armed Services Committee staff, regarding the possibility of contacting some of the House "objectors" to head off any possible problems when our retirement legislation reaches the floor. Cook advised against any action on our part, remarking that Acting Chairman Philip Philbin had told the Committee staff that he alone would handle the problem of the objectors. I mentioned to Cook that the Time article on Cienfuegos was misleading in a number of important respects and I would be glad to brief any of the Committee on the details if they were interested. He said he saw no need for this at the moment.

25X1 8. [redacted] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, whom I brought up to date on recent information regarding Communist tactics in Vietnam, radar installations in Egypt, political developments in Poland, and Soviet naval activities in Cuba. Mr. Preston had no new information on the status of the conference report on the Defense Appropriations bill, but argued that it would be a great mistake at this stage to delete the language which had been added to the so-called "Fulbright amendment" at Mr. Mahon's suggestion, since to do so at this time would lend weight to the restrictive interpretation of the Fulbright amendment.

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9. [redacted] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent information regarding Communist tactics in Vietnam, radar installations in Egypt, political developments in Poland, and Soviet naval activities in Cuba. Woodruff said that things were so confused now over the Appropriations bill that there was no telling what if anything would finally emerge before the end of the session.

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10. [redacted] Met with Representative John O. Marsh in response to his letter recommending [redacted] as a candidate for Agency recruitment. According to Marsh, [redacted]

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[redacted] I told Marsh I would look into the matter.

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11. [redacted] On instructions from the Director, met with Representative Paul Rogers (D., Fla.) to try to clean up a problem which Rogers apparently had with the Agency. Actually this was the result of a remark of his that was misunderstood. See Memo for Record.

At the same time, I asked Rogers if there were any matters on which we could be of assistance and he asked about reports of Soviet naval activities in Cienfuegos. I ran down the latest information on the subject explaining that the version presented in the current issue of Time considerably exaggerated the seriousness of the situation.

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Rogers also expressed curiosity about the [redacted] and I explained it's purpose.

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Friday - 18 December 1970

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25X1 1. [ ] [ ] and I reviewed the transcript of Colonel White's testimony before the House Armed Services Committee in support of our retirement bill on 17 December. We corrected several errors and ambiguities in the transcript and added one clarifying statement.

I also left with Mr. Slatinshek's secretary a message regarding our latest information on Soviet negotiations with Singapore.

25X1 2. [ ] Briefed William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, on recent information regarding Soviet missiles.

25X1 3. [ ] In response to his call of 16 December and after checking with the Office of Personnel, talked to [ ] the Agency's participant in the Congressional Fellowship Program, and informed him that the Agency had no record on [ ] other than she was an applicant for the CT program in 1965. I told [ ] that if Senator McClellan is interested in [ ] application to the Agency, she should be advised to suggest the Senator contact the Agency directly. He said this would cause no problem and based on our earlier discussion he had in effect already told her this.

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25X1 4. [ ] Met with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up to date on several current intelligence items including Cienfuegos, recent evaluation of Soviet MRV shots, the missile site in China, and the slowup of the ICBM program.

Woodruff said that with the present situation in the Congress he thought it very doubtful that we would be able to make the trip to Europe after the first of the year.

Woodruff mentioned that the House amendment to the Fulbright amendment of the Defense Appropriations bill will probably cause considerable problems in the Senate and could even result in the bills going back to conference again.

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Monday - 14 December 1970

25X1 1. [ ] Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, called to say that in the Senate-House conference on Saturday it appeared that they might be willing to accept an amendment to the Fulbright amendment which would involve adding to the existing language the following:

" . . . but nothing herein will be construed to prohibit support of free world or local forces in actions designed to promote the safe and orderly withdrawal or disengagement of U.S. forces from the war in Indochina. "

I told Preston that this language, which was almost identical to that proposed by the Agency, would go far toward solving our problems and I hoped he would pull hard to get it accepted.

Later I discussed the above with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who agreed also to work for acceptance of the above language, although he said the last few words should be changed from " the war in Indochina " to " combat activities in Southeast Asia. "

25X1 2. [ ] Received an inquiry from Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, asking if we had any information on one [ ] who had recently called on the Senator. After checking with BR and SB, I informed Miss Fosdick that the individual she had inquired about was "possibly dirty. "

25X1 3. [ ] Delivered to the offices of Senators Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Allen J. Ellender (D., La.) [ ] items 25X1 in which their names were mentioned.

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Friday - 11 December 1970

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1. [redacted] Delivered to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, draft language for the Appropriations bill relating to the Fulbright Amendment, prepared by Mr. Houston in response to Chairman Mahon's request. Mr. Preston was quite pleased with this response.

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2. [redacted] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and delivered additional material for his use in preparing for the Committee hearing on the Agency retirement bill next Wednesday. Mr. Slatinshek told me that notice has been sent out to the Committee members concerning the Director's appearance on the retirement bill next Wednesday morning. In response, I told Mr. Slatinshek that the Director's schedule is such during the coming week that it is my understanding that Colonel White will be the Agency's principal witness.

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4. [redacted] Yesterday, Howard Paster, in the office of Representative Lester Wolff (D, N. Y.), called to request that we check our records for any possible derogatory information on an Afghanistani national who wishes to serve with the Congressman as a Congressional Intern sponsored by the Asia Foundation. Wolff serves on the Near East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Paster said he was also checking with State and the FBI. Today, based on RID and an area division check, I advised Paster that we had no identifiable derogatory information on an [redacted]

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12. [redacted] Met with Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in connection with the request that the Director appear before the Committee in connection with the [redacted] matter. See Memo for Record.

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13. [redacted] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Soviet ICBM deployment, Soviet air and naval activity in Egypt, Soviet submarines in Cuban waters, ChiCom strategic missile developments and the Cambodian situation.

Mr. Preston said he had just come from a meeting between Secretary Laird and Chairman Mahon in which the Chairman asked Laird why Defense had not objected to the Fulbright amendment in their reclama to the Defense Appropriations bill. Laird said he had not wanted to formally object but he thought this amendment should be deleted since it apparently caused some problems for CIA. Preston told me that Mahon agreed that the Fulbright amendment was undesirable and would probably oppose it in conference, but Preston thought it would be well for the Director to let the Chairman know firsthand about our problem with this amendment. I passed this suggestion on to the Director.

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14. [redacted] Met with Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, in response to his request. He said the Committee was much interested in the case of the attempted defection from the Soviet trawler of a Lithuanian seaman whom the Coast Guard had refused to accept.

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25X1 4. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who gave me a copy of the Defense Appropriations bill reported yesterday by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Preston told me that he has discussed the Senate amendments restricting the use of funds in Southeast Asia with the Chairman. Mr. Preston does not know when to expect determination by the Chairman whether he will recommend that the House accept the Senate amendments or reject them and go to conference on the bill.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the TU-95 flights to Cuba; Cienfuegos; and Soviet naval facilities at Sollum and Mersa Matruh.

25X1 5. [ ] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee. I brought him up to date on the Senate handling of the Agency retirement bill. As an aside Mr. Slatinshek noted that the Defense Department briefing of the full Committee yesterday afternoon on [ ] bombing, and Cuba was not a very satisfactory one. Many of the members had already departed and other incidents apparently marred the continuity of the briefing leaving those present less than satisfied with the briefing.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on a Chinese missile site.

25X1 6. [ ] Richard Perle, on the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to ask if we had any details on possible plans to reopen the Suez Canal, which had been referred to in recent press stories. After checking with [ ] OCI, I called Perle back and briefly explained the facts as we understood them.

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25X1 2. [redacted] Last evening discussed with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, the problem posed by the fact that apparently the language of the Fulbright amendment is to be incorporated in the Senate version of the Defense Procurement bill. Preston feels that this would pose some very serious problems for Chairman Mahon on the House side, and this morning Preston called to say he had received an advanced copy of the bill which would be formally sent to the House this afternoon and it did indeed contain a provision identical to the so-called Fulbright amendment. Preston is concerned that this language could properly be interpreted as applying to certain going programs in Southeast Asia. He feels that before deciding on how to handle this bill on the House side Chairman Mahon will want to assure himself of exactly what the effects are, and for this reason may want to discuss the problem personally with the Director. Preston hopes to take the matter up with Mahon before the end of the week and will let us know the results.

25X1 3. [redacted] Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that he was hard pressed for time and would have difficulty in finding time to prepare a Committee report on our retirement legislation. He asked if we could do a draft for his use, which I agreed to undertake, with the deadline of Friday afternoon, 4 December.

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