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1. I attempted to find out from [REDACTED] the status of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is apparently holding off to talk to Larry Houston next week. George estimates that [REDACTED] will want something in excess of \$250 a day plus expenses. This is based on a charge of \$50.00 per hour with five useful hours in the day. This is more or less standard practice among lawyers.

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2. As of the close of the day, [REDACTED] had talked to one of [REDACTED] people. It would appear that [REDACTED] is not as adamant as they sounded at first but they want further information before they withdraw their objection to the [REDACTED] route. In view of this, we are asking for a deferment until 28 September which I understand has been approved. [REDACTED] was advised and he will call [REDACTED] at the Department of State.

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3. In connection with the phase-out, [REDACTED] is confident that there is no objection in the Plans Directorate to the continuation of [REDACTED] as a cargo air line authorized to carry its own cargo under charter and the [REDACTED] personnel as well. I suggested this to George as an alternative. Since he didn't think of it, he didn't like it, but finally allowed that it would be useful to retain any residual capability.

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4. I talked to [REDACTED] about letting the DD/S know of any requirement for alterations and/or decoration of Deputy Directors suites in advance. Jim understands and will keep you advised if he gets anything costing more than \$500.

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5. I extended [REDACTED] retirement to January 1968. This is a six-month extension to what had already been authorized.

6. We received a favorable Audit Report on the Educational Aid Association. They have received funds in excess of \$28,000 since inception and have granted: \$12,000 in 1965 and \$13,000 in 1966. You may wish to mention this at the Staff Meeting if it hasn't already been covered.

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25X1A 7. I met with Bob Fuchs the other day and he is in full agreement
25X1A that [redacted] not be assigned to the Office of Communications. He has a
problem in absorbing [redacted] into the Office of Finance, but I assured him
that this is a problem that he will simply have to face.

8. I presented [redacted] of Records Management Staff with a 25X1A
Quality Step Increase today. [redacted] in reviewing a requisition 25X1A
for some \$7500 worth of filing equipment, staffed it out thoroughly with
the result that the entire requisition was cancelled. This is a very good
accomplishment. TSD has invited [redacted] people to follow up in another 25X1A
branch since they were so pleased with the paper management survey per-
formed earlier this year.

9. [redacted] had a communi- 25X1A
cation from [redacted] which had been coordinated with [redacted] He 25X1A
wants a "top flight budget man, planner, construction engineer, and he
wants the planning team to be established on a permanent basis." Clearly,
[redacted] is not a bit shy about asking for people. FE is not enthusiastic
about such a large staff build-up. We will get a copy of [redacted] informal 25X1A
letter.

25X1A 10. The [redacted] meeting with Mr. Helms went off pretty well. He
wants to have one final meeting Monday morning, time not established.
He rules out any suggestion that [redacted] has an appeal to the IG, the Director, 25X1A
or anybody else. He wants to stick strictly to the terms of the contract.
The press release should indicate that the 30-day Notice of Termination
is available to the contract employee as well. He accepted FitzGerald's
suggestion that the Letter of Termination state something to the effect
that "You have been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency as a
contract employee. Under the terms of that contract, etc., etc." The
25X1A thought here is that if [redacted] takes this to the press, it will clearly indicate
that he is different from our regularly appointed people. The injunction is
out. Mr. Helms feels that the injunction would merely stir up more problems
than it would solve, and the individual would always have the opportunity of
having moonlight meetings with a newspaperman and deny that he had ever
done so. Finally, Mr. Helms agrees that we cannot waste any more time
on the jewels and that this should be handled if, as, and when it is raised
by the newspapers.

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11. Mr. Helms wanted to know what the status of the paper on the [REDACTED]. I told him and later Col. White that the DD/S had all the papers together and that it was my understanding that we were waiting for instructions to take this matter up with [REDACTED] Col. White said that this was not correct but that a briefing paper was desired by Mr. Helms. I told him that I thought we could get this up tomorrow.

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