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1. [redacted] Received a call from Barbara Perry, 25X1A
in the office of Senator Ribicoff (D., Conn.), requesting an interview for
a constituent, [redacted] Arrangements were made with [redacted]
OP for tomorrow at 1:00 p. m. STATSPEC

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3. [redacted] Accompanied Messrs. James Frey and James
Taylor, of OMB, and Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, to a meeting with Messrs. Wood-
ruff and Preston, of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee staffs. 25X1A
At the meeting Mr. Frey brought up the subject of interim funding for Radio Free
Europe and Radio Liberty and proposed a [redacted] in
an amount equivalent to one year's budget for the Radios. Woodruff opposed but
said he would take up with Senators Ellender (D., La.) and Young (R., N. Dak.)
an alternative proposal made by Mr. Frey to carry interim funding under the
continuing resolution. Mr. Preston indicated that Mr. Mahon has previously
indicated that he has no objection to the continuing resolution approach. (See
Mr. Clarke's Memorandum for the Record) Mr. David Abshire, Assistant
Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, was advised of the discussions.
Bill Woodruff called later to say that he had talked with Chairman
Ellender about the Radios and Ellender has told him that he would not agree to
any continued funding of the Radios which was not in the open. With regard to
the use of the continuing resolution, Woodruff said Ellender "didn't say yes and
didn't say no." He added, however, that if the Administration wished to use
the continuing resolution approach, Ellender would want a letter from "somebody"
to this effect. He said the letter should also indicate that there is no objection
to the Chairman's stating on the floor at the time the resolution is considered
that it contains interim funds for the Radios pending action on the Case bill.
Woodruff said again that Ellender is not in favor of continuing the Radios and is
willing to help with an appropriation to cover the cost of their termination.
Mr. Abshire is being advised of this development.

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25X1 5. [] Met very briefly with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and filled him in on a few of the highlights of yesterday's meeting with Messrs. Blandford and Slatinshek. Mr. Preston noted, in passing, that the schedule of the Committee is very tight but that he has no additional advice from the Chairman on a date for meeting with the Agency. I confirmed with Mr. Preston the meeting for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow in his office for Messrs. Frey and Taylor, OMB, Mr. Clarke and [] concerning the Radios. 25X1A

25X1 6. [] Met with Mr. William G. Phillips, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information of the House Committee on Government Operations, and reviewed with him the letter to the Director from Chairman William S. Moorhead concerning information on Agency staff biographies. After some discussion Mr. Phillips indicated that the prime purpose of the letter was to identify proper points of contact for the Committee within the various agencies of Government and that it had not been possible to screen the hundred or more letters that had been sent out. Mr. Phillips will be pleased to continue contact with me. No further response is required to the Chairman's letter.

25X1 7. [] Met with Miss Jean Gordon, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.), who told me that the letter from the Narcotics Bureau to Mr. Gubser would be forwarded during the day for inclusion in today's Congressional Record.

STATOTHR 8. [] Talked to Roberta Gerson, Secretary to Chief Counsel on the House Select Committee on Crime, about a letter from [] which they had referred to us. This was obviously a crank-type letter from a disturbed individual and Miss Gerson said it was forwarded only to us for our information and no response was required.

25X1 9. [] Left with Sarah Tuggle, on the staff of Senator Edward Brooke (R., Mass.), a suggested reply to an inquiry the Senator had received from [] about Agency involvement with Radio Free Europe and Air America. STATOTHR

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25X1 5. [redacted] Accompanied Messrs. [redacted]
25X1A CI Staff, and [redacted] SAVA, to a briefing of Ed Braswell and
Jack Ticer, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on the drug
situation in Southeast Asia. The Committee staffers were pleased to
get this information [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The briefing was rather general in nature
and did not get into great detail on Saigon government involvement in the
problem.

Braswell repeated the statement he has made on numerous
occasions since the Defense procurement authorization bill was before
the Armed Services Committee last year that they needed information
from the Administration regarding our policy in Southeast Asia. As
before, I told Braswell this was something that should be taken up
either with the Department of Defense or the White House.

25X1 6. [redacted] Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, and
25X1 [redacted] of DIA, in a meeting with Russ Blandford and Frank
Slatinshek, of the House Armed Services Committee staff, to clarify
the confusion about the new Soviet ICBM silos. Duckett and [redacted] 25X1
emphasized that there was no disagreement between CIA and DIA as to
the evidence regarding the new silos, and it was too soon to arrive at
any firm conclusions as to their ultimate significance. [redacted] 25X1
provided Blandford and Slatinshek with a brief unclassified prepared statement
spelling this out, but Blandford and Slatinshek indicated they would feel
free to go beyond this in public statements which might be issued by
the Committee.

25X1 After [redacted] and Duckett departed I briefed Blandford and
25X1 Slatinshek on the E-II class Soviet sub that just arrived in Cuba.

25X1 7. [redacted] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, on the E-II class Soviet sub in Cuba.

I also told Preston of the request of Blandford, of the House Armed
Services Committee staff, that he and Slatinshek wanted a briefing on the 25X1A
Agency budget in order to backstop Chairman Hebert in the event of
questions from the floor regarding [redacted] I told
Preston how we plan to respond to this request and he seemed to find this
satisfactory. I suggested that he let Chairman Mahon know that for the
first time the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee was getting into
the Agency budget which had heretofore been discussed only with
Appropriations Committee.

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