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16. [redacted] - JMM) Talked to Chairman James M. Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who welcomed the suggestion that the Subcommittee visit Headquarters for a breakfast briefing in the next several days and he said that Dick Barton, of his staff, would coordinate with other Subcommittee members and call me to work out arrangements.

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17. [redacted] - JMM) Called William Thomson, in the office of Senator Clifford P. Hansen, who said that in view of the time deadline they had telegraphed to the Wyoming University newspaper, The Branding Iron, the Senator's open letter in response to Allen Ginsberg's open letter query to the Senator regarding Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic.

Mr. Thomson said that nevertheless they planned to go ahead with a query to the Bureau of Narcotics which they hoped would produce an answer that could usefully be made public.

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18. [redacted] - JMM) Received a call from Ben Wells of the New York Times, who said he understood that Representative Herman Badillo was introducing a bill forbidding the Agency to engage in paramilitary operations, and Wells wondered if this would get much support on the Hill and if we were seriously concerned. I said I didn't expect this bill to go very far.

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25X1 5. [ ] - JMM) Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave an informative and candid off-the-record talk to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar which was warmly received and in which he paid high tribute to the Agency.

25X1 6. [ ] - JMM) Met with Senator William Spong and his Executive Assistant Mr. Thad Murray, and reviewed some draft letters they had prepared to constituents who had inquired about allegations of Agency involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia. At my suggestion they are writing to Director Ingersoll, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, requesting the results of any investigation that the Bureau may have conducted into the matter. In accordance with his long-standing policy, however, Spong does not plan to put Ingersoll's response in the Congressional Record.

25X1 7. [ ] - JMM) Called Sam Marler, in the office of Senator Clifford P. Hansen, who said that the Senator's letter to the University of Wyoming's "Branding Iron" denying allegations of CIA involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic had made the paper's deadline yesterday. He said the Senator had not yet written to Director Ingersoll, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, requesting additional information on the subject, but would do so shortly and Marler would let me know when the letter went forward so I could alert the proper people in Ingersoll's office.

25X1 8. [ ] - GLC) Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the cost-of-living increase legislation for the Civil Service retirement system which has been acted upon favorably by both House and Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committees. Braswell made the following points:

a. If we wish to obtain a similar amendment for CIARDS, we will have to go through the formal procedure for requesting such legislation;

b. It is absolutely impossible to get Senate and House action on this legislation before 1 June;

c. Although he had not reviewed the specific legislation, it is possible that we could get a bill which would be retroactive;

d. He would not want anyone to retire from the Agency on the assumption that such legislation will receive favorable consideration.

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25X1C 7. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Drury Blair, Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, Senate Committee on Judiciary, with regard to the [ ] In brief, he told me that at present the Committee does not need anything from the Agency in support of the bill but that a copy of the report furnished the House Committee, if available, might be useful. I told him I would get a copy to him later in the week.

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25X1A 8. [ ] - LLM) Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called on behalf of an unnamed Senator interested in whether [ ] [ ] I told Tarabochia that, as he well knows, we do not keep track of the activities of U. S. citizens and suggested that he contact the FBI.

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25X1A 9. [ ] - JMM) Met with Senator Clifford P. Hansen (R., Wyo. and Sam Marler and William Thomson, of his staff, regarding a response for the Senator to make to inquiries from the poet, Allen Ginsberg, concerning allegations of CIA involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic. The Senator welcomed our suggestions for responding to Ginsberg, and agreed to try to obtain from the Bureau of Narcotics a statement which could be made public in order to set the record straight.

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25X1A 10. [ ] - JMM) Mr. [ ] and I met with Representative Morris K. Udall (D., Ariz.) and explained our problems with the Ervin bill guaranteeing the privacy of Federal employees. Mr. Udall seemed to understand our problems, but offered no encouragement so far as our request for a complete exemption was concerned.

25X1A Mr. Udall asked us to check into an individual in Tuscon who had been involved in some shady activities, and who, according to the local press there, was suspected of being a CIA employee. (See Mr. [ ] Memo for Record.)

25X1 11. [ ] - JMM) Met with Thad Murray, in the office of Senator William Spong, who wanted assistance in responding to a constituent inquiry regarding allegations in the Jack Anderson column that the Agency was involved in Southeast Asian drug traffic. Murray accepted my suggestions for a response, and agreed to have Senator Spong ask for further details from the Bureau of Narcotics.

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