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1. [redacted] RCR) Mrs. Wentz, in the office of Representative Robert A. Roe (D., N.J.), called to request brochures and application forms be sent to a constituent, [redacted] [redacted], Personnel, was advised.

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2. [redacted] - RCR) Mrs. McDonough, in the office of Representative William B. Widnall (R., N.J.), called and requested the Agency's address to be forwarded to a constituent, [redacted] [redacted] New Jersey, who is interested in Agency employment. I gave her the address and asked if she would like us to forward the forms to [redacted] She said that would be fine and [redacted], Office of Personnel, was so advised.

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3. [redacted] JGO) Talked with Mr. Homer McMurray, Clerk, Official Reporters to House Committees, who advised that a single room will be utilized for transcribing notes for the Director's meeting for the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee on 2 and 3 March. The reporters: Robert Coulter Cochran, and Anton Papick, Jr.; and the transcribers: Mary Jane Donock, and Dorothy Miller Tyndall all hold DOD Top Secret clearances.

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4. [redacted] - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed the arrangements for the Director's briefing on 2 and 3 March. Mr. Preston has no prepared questions for the Chairman's use.

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5. [redacted] JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Nicholas, House Appropriations Committee staff, and reviewed with him the questions he has prepared for use by Representative Robert Sikes (D., Fla.) during the Director's briefing referred to above. Mr. Nicholas expressed his appreciation for the Agency's assistance in reviewing the questions.

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25X1 6. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and received from her a copy of an excerpt of a letter to the Committee Chairman outlining the unnamed Senator's area of interest in Agency and U. S. Government activities in Laos for coverage by the DCI in his briefing of Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is tentatively scheduled for 11 March 1971.

25X1 7. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. John Martini, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and invited him to come out to Headquarters on Monday, 5 April for briefing on Agency personnel matters and luncheon. Mr. Martini noted that there are several matters coming before the Committee during the coming year of interest to the Agency and it is his belief that a meeting at this time is most appropriate. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 8. [ ] JGO) At the request of Mr. Robert Nicholas, House Appropriations Committee staff, I met with Mr. George Allen, a new member of Representative Robert Sikes' (D., Fla.) personal staff, who is busily engaged in drafting questions for the Chairman's use in the various Committee briefings scheduled for the House Appropriations Committee over the coming weeks. Mr. Allen had intimated to Mr. Nicholas that he had several questions for Mr. Sikes' use during the Director's briefing. After reviewing several pages of questions prepared so far, I believe I was able to dissuade him from forwarding any of them for Mr. Sikes' use during the Director's briefing. The basic thrust of the questions relate to the failure of the Son Tay mission, the preparations for that mission and similar missions, and changes in DIA and Military Department procedures in coordinating information and intelligence activities within the Department of Defense. In a word, I advised Mr. Sikes that the Son Tay mission was planned and directed by the military.

25X1 9. [ ] - JGO) Late in the day I received a call from Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Mr. Donald Richbourg, of the Committee staff, would also be attending the Director's briefing tomorrow and Wednesday. Mr. Preston told me that Mr. Richbourg holds a current Top Secret clearance. Office of Security has been advised.

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25X1 10. [ ] GLC) Met with Senator Lowell Weicker (R., Conn.) as a followup to a request the Senator had made through the State Department for a briefing on a sensitive Agency case. Following the briefing I advised Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Congressional Relations), of our meeting with the Senator. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 11. [ ] - GLC) Mr. Steve Vossmeier, on the staff of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.), called and said the Senator would like to have an Agency briefing on Southeast Asia some time after 11 o'clock on Friday. I told Vossmeier this was something I would have to take up with the Director and indicated that he and his principal briefing officers were tied up most of this week with hearings on the Hill. Vossmeier said if this couldn't be arranged on Friday perhaps it could be done some time next week. I said I would be back in touch with him.

25X1 12. [ ] - GLC) Talked with James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Space Committee, about Chairman Anderson's request that we give Senator Curtis a full briefing on the Soviet space program. I told Gehrig Mr. Duckett could do this Friday or Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning, in that order of preference. Gehrig said he would check this with Senator Curtis and be back in touch with us.

25X1 13. [ ] - JMM) Met with Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, on two occasions during which I discussed problems created by the request of the Foreign Relations Committee for the Director to cover Agency-supported operations in Laos during an early appearance before that Committee. (See Memo for Record) I mentioned to Stennis Senator Dominick's interest in the long-term intelligence outlook from the standpoint of U. S. manpower requirements and the pending Selective Service legislation. Stennis recognized difficulties in the Agency's trying to handle this, and agreed with my proposal that I sit down with Senator Dominick and try to point these difficulties out to him.

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25X1 14. [ ] JMM) Met with Senator Peter Dominick and said the Director had told me of his telephone call expressing the hope the Director could provide some information on long-term world developments that might affect U.S. manpower requirements. I pointed out the difficulties in providing a strictly intelligence response to such a question, noting that so much would have to depend on the U.S. reaction to enemy moves, U.S. strategic thinking, etc., none of which fell within our province. Dominick said he appreciated these difficulties, and then proceeded to list a number of other questions on which he said he hoped the Director might comment, including:

- a. Possibility that our vital sea lanes, such as the Panama Canal, Gibraltar and the Bering Sea might be closed by military or political developments;
- b. Prospects for China after Mao;
- c. Significance of Soviet-Japanese plan for joint development of Siberian resources;
- d. Possibility of mutually agreed force reductions in Europe and consequences of Soviet violation of a force reduction agreement;
- e. Possibility that Chile, supported by Bolivia and Peru, may disrupt the OAS; and
- f. Whether Agency agrees with Kissinger that every day of interdiction of trails in Laos would delay for another week enemy capabilities to mount a major offensive.

25X1 15. [ ] JMM) Informed Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, of my conversation with Chairman Stennis. Braswell confided that the Chairman was increasingly skeptical of information he had been receiving about Southeast Asia from certain high Government officials, and he speculated that members of the Foreign Relations Committee share this feeling, and this might explain their turning to the Agency for a briefing on certain sensitive matters in Southeast Asia, going beyond the Agency's own role there. Braswell agreed with Stennis' view that the problem of how the Agency should respond in these circumstances could be resolved only by the White House.

Briefed Mr. Braswell on recent information regarding Soviet anti-missile activity.

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16. [ ] - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to whom I mentioned our problem with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Woodruff expressed concern that Chairman Ellender might be unfavorably disposed to certain of the Agency's operations in Southeast Asia, and hence be of no help to the Agency in this situation.

Woodruff said Ellender had given no indication of a desire for an early Agency briefing.

I briefed Woodruff on recent information regarding Soviet anti-missile activity.

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