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1. (Confidential - GLC) Received a call from [redacted] who asked if we could determine from the Senate Armed Services Committee whether the Administration had agreed to accept a [redacted] ceiling for Laos in the Defense Procurement Authorization bill. It is [redacted] impression that Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, DOD, had given this indication to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee. 25X1

2. (Secret - GLC) Mr. Maury and I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked him about Committee action on the Laos ceiling. Braswell said the Committee has completed its markup on the bill and has settled on a ceiling of [redacted]

[redacted] See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell also brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and expressed concern about this legislation even though he had prepared a letter for Senator Stennis which would block action by the Senate without the agreement of the Armed Services Committee. Braswell asked for our suggestions as to how the Chairman might oppose this legislation and we gave him some of our thoughts on the subject. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell mentioned the draft report which I had left with him on the McClellan bill (S. 3529). I assured him this was nothing of a controversial nature and said we had gone ahead with our submission of the draft letter to OMB for clearance. He said this was fine.

3. (Internal Use Only - JMM) John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding the Hersh story alleging Agency involvement in "Rainmaking" in the New York Times of 3 July. He said we could expect questions on this matter. See Memorandum for the Record.

Goldsmith said we would probably be unhappy over the fact they had cut the ceiling in Laos from about [redacted]

4. (Confidential - GLC) Picked up from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee on 13 June.

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5. [redacted] Received a call from David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff. Martin has just returned from his trip with General Walt covering the Middle East and Southeast Asia for the purpose of looking into illicit drug traffic entering the United States. Martin said General Walt will probably be testifying before the Subcommittee in mid-August or September. He said in this connection and in connection with their report on their trip he would like to have access to the confidential Agency reports on the drug traffic which have been mentioned in Jack Anderson's column. Martin said he would respect the confidential classification of the documents and if they were drawn on in the Committee's report the report would be submitted to us for final approval before it is published to be sure that nothing of a classified nature is inadvertently revealed. I told Martin I thought I knew which reports he was referring to and said I would look into the matter. He said they would be happy to have General Walt or Senator Eastland send us a letter requesting access to the documents but I told him I did not think this was necessary.

I asked Martin if he had run across any of Alfred McCoy's activities during his trip. He said they had and added that several of the embassies in the Southeast Asia area were extremely irritated by what they consider to be McCoy's irresponsible use of unverified information in the interest of promoting his forthcoming book. I mentioned the exchange of letters between Representative Aspin and the Director on the subject of McCoy's information and gave him citations to the insertions of these items in the Congressional Record. Martin commented they would be happy to assist in any way they could in refuting McCoy's claims as far as they concern the Agency.

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6. [redacted] Called Mr. William Flanagan, Special Assistant to Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III (D., Ill.), in his office in Chicago. I told Flanagan I was responding to his letter of 26 June 1972 to the Director concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] Responding to the questions raised in his letter I told Flanagan that [redacted] had worked for the Agency for only one month between January and February of 1970 and had decided his continued employment with us was inconsistent with his active involvement in a number of political and social issues on which he had strong feelings and therefore he had decided to resign. I made it clear to Flanagan that [redacted] resignation was totally voluntary on his part and without any coercion on our part. I said that while he had received a top secret clearance for his employment here that naturally the clearance terminated with his resignation. Flanagan said my call was much more helpful than a written response would be and said nothing further was necessary from us.

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7. [redacted] A suggested reply to a letter from a constituent was discussed with Carolyn Worley, staff member in the office of Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.). The constituent, a psychiatrist who treats drug addicts, requested that Senator Baker look into stories alleging CIA's involvement in drug traffic. Worley stated that Senator Baker has always felt that these allegations are false and she appreciated our assistance in providing an appropriate reply.

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8. [redacted] As a follow up to her earlier request, I talked to Miss Jean Sparks, in the office of Representative Lawrence Hogan, and told her that an application for retirement extension has been received from [redacted] and from all appearances will receive favorable consideration. Miss Sparks thanked me for the advice and suggested a suspense date of 18 July on the Congressman's letter. [redacted] Personnel, and [redacted] O/DDCI, have been advised.

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9. [redacted] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, who told me that Chairman Mahon will be in Washington during the Democratic convention and the Committee staff will be working full time with him. Although he could not suggest a date, he feels it will be necessary to have Drs. Steininger and Proctor meet with him on the Hill rather than him making a visit to Headquarters for a briefing on a special Agency project. Dr. Steininger and [redacted] have been advised.

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