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DIARY NOTES

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l. was in to give me his ideas on the agent cashier system. I will prepare a separate memorandum on this but his conclusion is that our present system is entirely satisfactory. We also discussed the bonding of agent cashiers, certifying officers, and official custodians. I will include this discussion in my Memorandum for the Record but here again his conclusion is that each cashier and certifying officer should be bonded and that official custodians should not be. This coincides very closely with my own views.

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- 2. telephoned to suggest a schedule for CIA Budget Hearings beginning on 27 October. (See separate Memorandum for the Record on this subject.)
 - 3. Conducted the usual weekly DD/A Staff Meeting. (See Minutes.)

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4. Sherman Kent was over to discuss an unusual trip which a member of the Board of National Estimates wants to take to during which he would be working part of the time and on leave part of the time. I told him that I was sure we could work out the administrative arrangements to his satisfaction if he would first obtain the Director's approval, as a matter of principle, for the Board member to make the trip.

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5. During my talk with today he discussed Project PBSUCCESS a little further and said that the had received figures from the Department of State which seemed to bear no resemblance whatever to figures given to him by Colonel King and Mr. Preston. He expressed great disappointment at the lack of knowledge exhibited by Messrs. King and Preston and "shuddered to think" of what would have happened had a congressional committee been listening to their explanations. He also indicated that would speak to the Director about this but that he felt the group would ask for a complete audit of the Project.

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He also discussed again the question of central administration versus separate administration for the Clandestine Services and said that he was not one hundred per cent sure in his mind which system we should have but that there was one thing he was sure of and that was that the Clandestine Services needed to get themselves straightened out operationally before any such move was considered. He also confirmed my feeling of friendliness on the part of the Special

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Studies Group toward the Agency but said that he was awfully glad that this particular group was making the study and not a congressional committee, in which case he was afraid the Director might be "crucified." 25X1A6d 25X1A5a1 6. After considerable flapping around determined that Senator Bridges and 25X1A6d do not have any definite plans to go to the 25X1A9a ter on Monday. They are going to and will not go to the Center uncause them to want to do further sightseeless questions raised to get in touch with , make sure that he ing. I told and to be sure to intercept the was alerted as to plans to stop 25X1A6d party at the gate if they should arrive there and offer to show them anything they might care to see, etc. 25X1A6d

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