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1. Talked to Paul Johnston of the Special Studies Group and told him that I would like the Group to know that I had returned from leave and was available for questions or other assistance. Reminded him that we were interested in having Mr. Franke's comments on our agent cashier setup; the Director is interested in this matter. Cautioned him, inasmuch as I understood that members of the Group were conferring with the Bureau of the Budget on 14 September concerning CIA's budget, that we did not supply the Bureau with operational details concerning our clandestine services. Gave him a staff study signed by the Comptroller on the bonding of our finance officers and requested that he ask Mr. Franke to give me his views on this matter. On leaving Mr. Johnston expressed his appreciation for this interview and stated that the cooperation which the Group had received from everyone left nothing to be desired.

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2. Concurred in a cable which the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) is sending to the field substantially quoting a Department of Defense Directive to [REDACTED] to assume immediate responsibility for coastal raiding operations.

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3. Asked Jim Garrison to give me a brief memorandum on the remaining stockpile of balloons so that I could obtain the Director's instructions as to whether or not it should be replenished.

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4. Sent the [REDACTED] table of organization, and an accompanying memorandum concerning the ceiling of the EE Division, to the Management Staff and requested that the entire matter be expeditiously handled.

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5. Spent an hour with [REDACTED], Chief of our [REDACTED] Station. He advised me that the morale [REDACTED] was good, although employees there were somewhat unhappy that their dependents were no longer allowed to travel on CAT planes on a "space available" basis. He stated that they were experiencing some difficulty in getting replacements. To my suggestion that it would seem to me that people could save a lot of money [REDACTED] he said that this was not actually the case. However, his subsequent statements that there was a twenty-five per cent pay differential for employees in that area and that at least seventy-five per cent of the wives were working would give me pause as to the accuracy of this statement. He stated that the biggest need at the moment was for some permanent construction of training sites and housing; this, of course, is based upon a decision as to whether or not we are going to stay [REDACTED] permanently. Consideration is being given to an eighteen months tour of duty, if this is legally permissible. All of these things have been placed in the mill and require no immediate action on my part. All in all it seems to me that the [REDACTED] Station probably has no more problems than any other station.

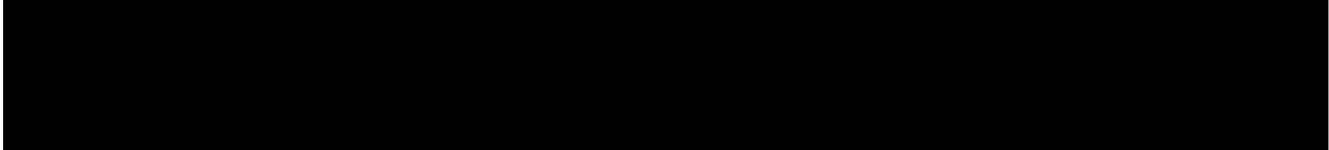
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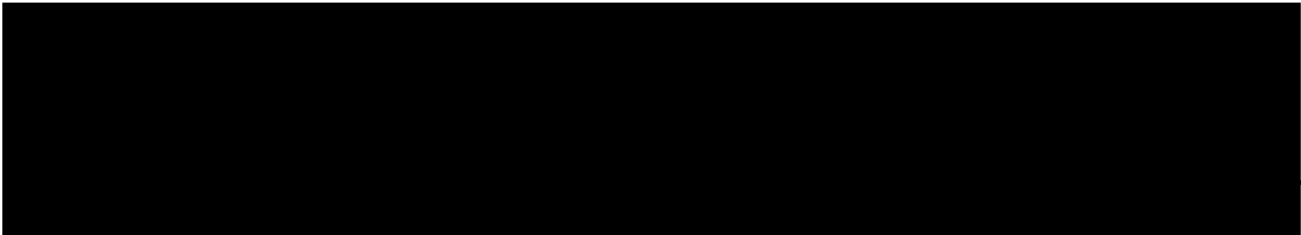
7. The Director leaves for an NSC Meeting in Denver at 12 Noon on Sunday.

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8. [redacted] telephoned to say that General Doolittle and Pat Coyne were going to visit field stations [redacted] on Monday. I arranged through Harry Reynolds for the Central Processing Unit to take care of their travel, passports, etc.

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10. Mr. Dulles has received a letter from [redacted] who has stated his desire to leave the Agency in December. There was some discussion at the Deputies' Meeting as to whether or not [redacted] should be requested to stay on and, if not, who his replacement would be. [redacted] was mentioned as an ideal choice; however, it is extremely doubtful that he will be available. There is also some question as to the future of the Senior Representative position in that area. Frank Wisner will study this situation when he goes out to the Far East next week and it is possible that Mr. Dulles may go out there in January.

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11. [redacted] soon and Mr. Dulles wants to see him before he goes. He feels that the General is an important character in the Far East and that from a public relations standpoint we should keep in touch with him.....he is important to us.

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