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DIARY NOTES

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1. Discussed with General Cabell his letter to General Erskine requesting the support of the Office of the Secretary of Defense before the Bureau of the Budget for an interim increase of thirty (30) technicians to be employed in connection with Project [REDACTED]. Explained to him the history of the establishment of our personnel ceiling and told him that we had never allowed ourselves to get into the position of asking the Bureau of the Budget for more personnel but that we had an informal agreement with the Bureau whereby we informed them when and if it became necessary to increase our personnel ceiling. After this discussion it was agreed that it was not necessary to raise this problem with Mr. Dulles.

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2. Discussed with General Cabell our present procedures for Security Hearing Boards. He believes that the Assistant Director for Personnel should be cut in on this matter but that after his initial recommendation and appointment of the Board he should act in the role of implementing the decisions of the Director. He also felt that there should be one central point, namely the Deputy Director (Administration), through which all such material should pass and that the DD/A should be responsible to the Director for the direction of the over-all program. I shall have to amend the proposed Regulation accordingly.

3. Discussed the question of personnel ceilings with General Cabell and obtained his oral approval to proceed with the following: (a) four (4) Security positions for the Office of the Director; (b) ten (10) positions for the OGI ELINT Program; (c) nine (9) positions for an increase in the staff for Headquarters' Signal Center; (d) eight (8) positions for an increase in the communications staff for the FE signal activity; total: 31. These positions are to come from the Director's Reserve and General Cabell gave me his verbal approval without further coordination with the Director.

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4. [REDACTED] Office of Communications, came to me with a problem concerning NSC Directive No. 169. It seems as though [REDACTED] formerly with CIA and now with ODM, had informed him in a telephone conversation that the Federal Communications Commission was having difficulty in finding the money to implement its assignment in connection with this Directive. Ray asked me what our reaction would be to a request that we transfer funds to the Commission for this purpose, or, if this was impossible, whether CIA could not undertake the monitoring function. I told Ray that we could not transfer the funds nor undertake the function in view of the fact that the Federal Communications Commission had been specifically assigned this responsibility in an NSC Directive and that to transfer funds for this purpose would be a violation of the intent of Congress.

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5. Talked to General Cabell about the request from the Office of Defense Mobilization that we send an Emergency Information Officer [redacted] in the event of an emergency. He agreed that we should not send such an Officer but suggested that I change the wording of my proposed letter to Mr. Hagerty to indicate that we did not believe there would be sufficient activity of this type in which we were interested to warrant the appointment of a full time Officer. However, he felt that we should avoid statements in writing to the effect that we had no Emergency Information Officers. (This is, of course, in view of the fact that Stan Grogan does devote a considerable part of his time to this type of activity.)

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6. I told Ed Saunders I was not sure that [redacted] was the proper person to have as the Chief of his Industrial Audit Branch because of his lack of flexibility in dealing with outside contractors and asked him to give consideration to this matter with the possible view of reassigning [redacted] and placing someone else in this position. I emphasized that I did not want Doug to be hurt in the process, since he was certainly a most conscientious and very efficient employee, but suggested that perhaps he did not have sufficient imagination to deal with this particular job.

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