

DIARY NOTES

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1. Ed Saunders requested that I check with the Special Studies Group (Franke) to ascertain whether or not they were looking into our agent cashier setup. Ed also said he understood that the Special Studies Group had a conference scheduled with the Bureau of the Budget on 14 September. He had asked Larry Houston to insure that the Group was warned that we did not go into detail with the Bureau.

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2. Ed Saunders reported that as a result of certain "open-market transactions" by employees [redacted] coupled with the fact that they were already receiving equalization allowances, the whole matter of equalization allowances and open-market transactions was under study and a report would be coming up soon.

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3. Ed queried me concerning the advisability of destroying a section of the warehouse at Project [redacted]. I told him that as I recalled it I had been assured by the Logistics Office that it would be cheaper to construct new warehouse space if it should be needed than it would be to renovate or preserve the present structure. However, I will look into the matter again.

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5. Larry advises that the [redacted] situation has been approved in principle. The Bureau of the Budget has agreed to release the necessary funds, etc. A negotiating team composed of [redacted] are in [redacted] but we do not know yet whether the [redacted] will allow us to come in and under what conditions. There appears to be some question as to whether we want the 500 kw transmitters which the General Services Administration has. Larry has told [redacted] that we want to be notified officially in this office as to whether these transmitters are really wanted before we proceed further.

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6. Larry reports that the "budget study for the intelligence community" completed by the Bureau of the Budget has been sent [redacted] for distribution to the Intelligence Advisory Committee. Apparently the Bureau of the Budget had intended that we distribute it to the Committee.

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8. Larry plans to leave for his trip to the Far East on 14 September; he will stop at selected points in Europe on his return.

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9. I looked at the FE project which proposes the renovation of a building [redacted]. In view of the fact that the building is needed by 1 March 1955 and it is estimated that the work can be completed three months after authorizations, I advised [redacted] that I saw no point in taking unusual action to expedite it.

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10. Larry Houston reports that [redacted] is concerned about our relations with [redacted] and personally feels that probably the trouble stems from [redacted] in the Industrial Audit Branch of Ed Saunders' office whom he believes rides his people a little bit too hard, is too inflexible, etc. He also thinks that we ought to make more use of "fixed price contracts" and that this method should be looked into.

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