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31 August thru 4 September 1953

1. [redacted] in for an interview prior to the latter's departure for Europe where he will assume the position of Senior Auditor. Mr. [redacted] impressed me as being competent and I tried to impress him with the importance of his job and the necessity for doing it thoroughly and accurately.
2. Asked Ed Saunders to expedite his comments on the subject of "payment of night differential to certain Communications employees."
3. Asked Mr. Saunders to check again on the accounts of [redacted]. I seem to remember that [redacted] said that he had a \$12,000 account which was several months old and had not been settled.
4. Ed reports that the Offices of the General Counsel and the Comptroller have made the necessary adjustments in the [redacted] money to determine what can be spent from Fiscal Year 1953 funds; this is in accordance with the [redacted] project.
5. Suggested to Ed that his weekly report was too long and asked him to cut it down a little bit.
6. Asked him to get the material ready for the Director's oral report to the National Security Council on "CIA finances" by Friday so that we could review it and present it to Mr. Dulles when he got back, inasmuch as I understood that he would be expected to give this report on the 9th of September.
7. Told Ed that if the Bureau of the Budget agreed I had no objection to CIA taking the NSC car and chauffeur, with the understanding that the National Security Council could call our pool for this car on approximately a half time basis, and provided the Council reimbursed us for fifty per cent of the cost of this car and chauffeur.
8. Mr. Houston and I conferred with Mr. Macy, Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, regarding the furnishing of a witness for our selection procedure in connection with the [redacted] Board. After polling the Commissioners, Mr. Macy advised me that the Civil Service Commission could not do this. (See my Memorandum for the Record on this subject.)
9. [redacted] reports that a driver by the name of [redacted] who is assigned to FBIS [redacted] had an accident on Friday night while driving an Agency vehicle and was charged with "driving while drunk." The Office of Operations and the Security and General Services Offices are handling the matter.

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25X1 10. [] reports that during the hot weather some of our new air conditioning units are not working because of an overload on the power. I told him to make a complaint to the General Services Administration, inasmuch as they engineered the job and should have done it properly.

25X1 11. Have talked to [] Mr. Garrison, and General Cabell about the overobligation of funds at [] It appears that \$417,000 of Phases I and 25X1 II construction has been undertaken without authorization. In addition, [] 25X1 of Phase III construction on [] and the mainland has been undertaken. About \$75,000 of the \$159,000 of this construction has actually been disapproved and there is no chance to recover. The remainder of the \$159,000 will probably 25X1 be useful in connection with our most recent Phase III, the [] project. I have instructed Mr. Garrison to plan to absorb the entire \$159,000 in the approximately \$4,500,000 latter project. General Cabell has requested that he be cut in on this matter before any final decisions are made.

25X1 12. Have arranged to take General Cabell to the [] on Friday afternoon.

25X1 13. If a decision is made to put [] on a caretaker status, Jim Garrison plans to go there personally to see the property and will stop at [] en 25X1 route.

25X1 14. [] reports that he is unable to place [] in the Of- 25X1 fice of Collection and Dissemination and I have approved of his trying the Foreign Documents Division.

15. Talked to Dr. Tietjen at some length about the [] case and agreed to 25X1 set up an appointment with Mr. Kirkpatrick to discuss it.

25X1 16. Have talked to Messrs. [] and Saunders about the failure to budget for communications material for the DD/P area divisions; will talk to Dick Helms about this on Friday.

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25X1 18. [] telephoned to say that the Army could not allow [] 25X1 [] to travel with [] when he goes on temporary duty to Europe. 25X1 The Army will not make an exception unless the temporary duty is to be for a period longer than six months. [] to this effect.

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25X1 19. [redacted] reports that the Air Force "reduction-in-force program" has been called off completely, except for orders already in the mill which do not affect CIA.

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25X1 20. Met with Mr. Meloon and [redacted] concerning [redacted] 25X1 will have [redacted] report to Mr. Meloon on Tuesday, at which time (unless Personnel can find a job for him which is comparable) he will be told that the Agency cannot use him.

25X1 21. Attended a Project Review Committee Meeting at which a "Press Clipping Service" for the [redacted] was approved with the understanding that one 25X1 grade GS-12 position and necessary funds would be transferred to the Office of the Deputy Director (Intelligence). Approved of a project in the amount of approximately \$39,000 for the production of a prototype [redacted] to be used in 25X1 connection with the [redacted] Approved of [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] with the understanding that only [redacted] would be obligated at 25X1 this time in order to undertake an architectural and engineering survey so that realistic cost estimates could be developed.

25X1 22. [redacted] and I went to the Bureau of the Budget to request [redacted] fi 25X1 the Contingency Reserve in connection with Project [redacted]. The Bureau of the Budget subsequently advised that it could not consider our request unless formal approval were obtained from the Secretary of State or the National Security Council..... the PSB not good enough. (See my Memorandum for the Record dated 4 September.) Reported this decision to the Acting Director who requested that I notify Mr. Wisner and ask him to offer the Department of State an opportunity to give the required approval, adding that if they declined to do so the project would be dropped.

25X1 23. Mr. Garrison and I took General Cabell to [redacted] to show him the Warehouse and familiarize him with the [redacted] project coming up. With the exception of a shed for vehicles and certain air conditioning for TSS, General Cabell indicated his approval and remarked that it appeared to him that "all of the gold plate had already been trimmed off" of this proposal. He also appeared to be most favorably impressed with the Warehouse itself and remarked, "this is the most orderly looking warehouse I have ever seen."

25X1 24. Dr. Tietjen and I discussed the [redacted] It was our final agreement that for the Agency's own protection [redacted] be seen by on 25X1 of our cleared psychiatrists. Prior to doing this, however, I am to request Colonel Edwards to locate the man and submit a report as to his present condition.

25X1 25. In the Director's Conference Room with Mr. Houston, Colonel Edwards, Mr. Meloon, [redacted] Recorder, drew from a bucket the names of the individuals to serve on the Bundy Board. I have instructed George Meloon to take the necessary action to notify the people concerned.

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25X1 26. Have asked [] to get together exit interview reports on military personnel for General Cabell to see.

25X1 27. [] was up to suggest that our Regulations were sadly deficient in outlining procedures for action in the event of the death of employees, particularly those abroad. I agreed to see that this was remedied.

25X1 28. [] has requested that I look into the case of Mrs. [] who works in the Pentagon and wants to transfer to CIA.

29. Talked to Dick Helms about our failure to budget for communications material. We agreed that in all probability by the first of January we could see places in the Agency from which the necessary funds could be taken and, therefore, would take no action on this problem until about 1 January at which time it would be re-examined.

25X1 30. Also talked to Dick about the Logistics team going to Europe and the appointment of [] as Logistics Coordinator. Dick said he had understood that [] was not going for a full two-year tour and believed that this was a "gimmick" to allow him to take his wife and children with him on a short overseas tour of duty. After I assured him that this was not the case, and that insofar as I was concerned [] was going on a full two-year tour of duty, he agreed to sign off on this proposal.

25X1 31. Notified [] that Mr. Ellsworth Bunker had arrived in New York on Thursday. [] indicated that he would try to contact Mr. Bunker in New York before coming down here on Tuesday.

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