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13 July 1953

1. Since the procedure whereby the Deputy Director (Administration) approves of the accountings of Senior Representatives was established prior to the reorganization of last Summer, I have asked the Comptroller to look into this matter and determine whether it would not be more appropriate for the Deputy Director (Plans) to approve of these accountings in view of his over-all responsibility for the clandestine services.

2. Told Ed Saunders that as a result of my attendance at [REDACTED] meeting with his Administrative Officers I had gotten a definite impression that it was the general opinion that the Finance Division could render much better service than it was rendering at the present time.

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3. I advised Ed that I had instructed the DD/P Administrative Officers that in order to carry out the interim instructions concerning 1954 obligations they need not clear with the Comptroller every piece of equipment, etc., but should definitely clear any substantial new projects, construction, purchases of automobiles, etc.

4. I also advised Ed Saunders that I had agreed with [REDACTED] that the Deputy Director (Plans) could continue to obligate funds for targets of opportunity, project development, etc., just as he had in the past and that interim restrictions should not affect this authority.

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7. Approved of Larry Houston's comments concerning an Executive Order to implement Chapter VII of the Jackson Committee's Report. In brief, we hope to avoid the mistakes made in setting up the Psychological Strategy Board which re-

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sulted in the PSB having to turn to CIA for any unusual authority, i.e., super-grades, purchase of automobiles, etc.

8. Conducted a staff meeting of the heads of central administrative offices. (See minutes of meeting.)

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9. Told [redacted] that [redacted] should be given good space at 2210 "E" Street and that in no case should they be put on the third floor as had, apparently, been planned.

10. Telephoned Mr. Broadbent, Bureau of the Budget, to inquire as to what was being done to get CIA into an existing structure. He told me that Mr. Dodge had written a letter to Mr. Mansure, Administrator, General Services Administration, asking GSA to solve the problem and agreed to send me a copy of the letter. (This appears merely to pass the buck and I don't think that we are getting anywhere.)

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11. [redacted] called to say that [redacted] was back but was ill in New York. I approved of his going to New York to interview Ernie and bringing back whatever information he could.

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12. [redacted] reports, in connection with [redacted] that [redacted] of General Services Administration wants to put [redacted] at touch with the GSA man in [redacted] Gil will draft a paper which I can show to the Director to finish this up for the time being, at least insofar as the Office of the Deputy Director (Administration) is concerned.

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13. Agreed with Messrs. Kirkpatrick and [redacted] on the draft of that portion of the Regulations concerning "Fund Control" and gave it to [redacted] for publication.

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