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13 September 1955

1. Ed Saunders was in for his bi-weekly session. He reports that the supergrade study is ready to discuss with the Bureau of the Budget as far as he is concerned. He agreed that we should change the GS-16, Administrative Assistant, on the T/O of the immediate Office of the Deputy Director (Support) to a Special Assistant. I concurred in a proposal to transfer two positions from DD/P to DD/S to take care of an error which was made in connection with the recent ceiling allocations. Saunders was to obtain Office of Personnel concurrence and give this to to present to the Deputy Director (Plans). H

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2. We discussed the request of Mr. in the Office of Training 25X1A9a that his tour in Training be extended to 1 January 1957. Mr. Saunders was willing to agree to this, provided that if some opportunity came along for which would better his career, it was understood by all concerned that he could be withdrawn from the Office of Training with reasonable notice. I told Mr. Saunders this seemed to be reasonable to me and that it was all right for him to go ahead and reply to the Director of Training in that vein.

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3. We discussed briefly a paper which the Deputy Director (Plans) had sent to the Comptroller regarding overtime. It was agreed that inasmuch as the Bureau of the Budget would not honor a request from the reserve for overtime and there was not sufficient flexibility within the Agency to absorb DD/P overtime, that the Deputy Director (Plans) should be advised that DD/P overtime would have to come out of the DD/P over-all budget.

4. Mr. Saunders queried me as to whether we had a policy for military personnel wherein they were entitled to one-half day off each week for recreation. I told him this was not the case and that military personnel were not entitled to such time off but that inasmuch as they could not be paid overtime, regardless of their rank he should use good judgment and discretion in excusing them from duty. H

5. We also discussed the report on war time preparation by DD/S elements, which was submitted to the Director recently. Mr. Saunders wanted a copy of the directive and also wondered if there had been any change in our policy which was that we would not stockpile for hot war requirements. I will arrange to get him a copy of the memorandum, and I advised him that there had been no change in our stockpiling policy.

6. I approve of Mr. Saunders taking a trip to the Far East, leaving in mid-October.

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7. Larry Houston was in for his bi-weekly session. He said that he had been thinking about the rationale of having the construction of a building supervised by PBS, the Army Engineers or some other Government facility, and could not find any information on the subject. I told him I had been thinking about this too, and I later asked Jim Garrison to include a discussion of this problem in the briefing he is preparing for Mr. Dulles. Mr. Houston said he thought his legal opinion on our authority to construct a building was sound. We agreed that we would take no action on this until Mr. Dulles returned, at which time we would probably present it to the Attorney General for his concurrence. In this connection I have also asked Mr. Garrison to find out in detail just how AEC proposes to handle their project. H

8. Larry Houston is preparing a reply to Mr. Bartholomew, answering the questions which he raised with regard to a possible conflict concerning the Leiter Estate - this is in connection with the use of the Langley property. H

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9. Mr. Houston suggested that we consider [redacted] of DD/P as a possible candidate to head the PAPS and Commercial Status if and when they are combined. His alternate candidate would still be [redacted]. We both, however, are not sure how [redacted] will function as a supervisor.

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10. Mr. Houston reports that information from the field indicates that [redacted] is still a considerable problem in CAT. Have arranged to lunch with [redacted] on Thursday to hear this first hand.

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11. Mr. Houston also reported that General Cabell had approved of the sale, up to seven, [redacted] if we could get a good price for them. He assures me that we could still take care of the stand-by requirement levied on us by OCB. H

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12. Mr. Houston reports that there is a resurgence of operational interest [redacted] having to do primarily with the CE aspects. The Office of the General Counsel has had complete responsibility for this project for the past several months. However, FE [redacted] believes that they should now assume some responsibility. I told Mr. Houston this was O.K. with me and to go ahead and work it out. 25X1A9a

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13. We discussed a recent flap between Harry Reynolds and Mr. Pforzheimer, having to do with Pforzheimer's activities in connection with personnel problems generated by Members of Congress. Mr. Houston felt strongly, and I agreed, that we must maintain one point of contact in Congress on all matters, including personnel. However, I emphasized the necessity for thorough and complete coordination with Personnel by Pforzheimer.

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14. Mr. Houston says [redacted] found conditions in [redacted] to be pretty good. Chuck is writing a full report on his trip, however.

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15. Chuck also stopped by [redacted] and discussed with [redacted] the possible [redacted] in which [redacted] had been interested. Chuck felt strongly that an outright [redacted] be better than a purchase. 25X1A6a

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17. Mr. Victor Forte, of the architectural firm of Williams, Coile and Blanchard, telephoned to merely say hello and express the interest of his firm in handling our building project.

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18. Asked [redacted] to tell Dick Smith that I had his letter enclosing another to Senator Byrd but inasmuch as the National Capital Planning Commission would not discuss our problem until its November meeting, I would defer a couple of days before doing anything about it. I also told Dick [redacted] I was inclined to send the whole thing back to Dick Smith because I did not want to take the chance of having Senator Byrd find out that I had approved of the dispatch of any letter to him. H

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19. Stan Grogan reports that Wes Barthelmes of the Washington Post-Times-Herald had called to ask what we were going to do about the Sterling and Skull offer of land in the vicinity of Germantown, Maryland. Colonel Grogan told him this was being handled by me. Barthelmes also asked whether we had hired Harrison and Abramovitz. Grogan told him we had talked with them but that we had signed no contract with anyone. He then asked whether we were going to have the PBS, Army Engineers or someone else supervise our construction, and Colonel Grogan told him we had made no decision. H

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20. I requested [redacted] to draft an Agency Notice announcing the appointment of [redacted] 25X1A9a

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21. I advised [redacted] that I had no objection to the move of the Commercial Staff and PAPS to Barton Hall, and authorized him to discuss the matter with Mr. [redacted] Gates and I visited TSS in its new quarters at the [redacted] They are extremely 25X1A6a happy with their space which is very good for their purposes, and, at the same time, could not be considered plush by any standards. We also discussed with [redacted] the problem of keeping proper financial records with regard to Project MKULTRA. I agreed to allow [redacted] to assist them temporarily, with the Comptroller to take over on a gradual basis (see my Memorandum for the Record, this date, this subject).

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22. Harry Reynolds was in for his weekly session. He advised me that his classification people felt that the Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence and the Deputy Assistant Director should be classified GS-15 and GS-16 respectively and that Mr. Amory is very unhappy about this situation. Reynolds said that under no circumstances could they stretch it above GS-17 and GS-16. I asked him to send me the papers on this subject so that I might discuss it with General Cabell prior to its being raised before the Supergrade Review Board. Mr. Reynolds is also concerned about the JOT Program. He feels that too much emphasis is being placed on academic knowledge and not enough on good common sense and practical experience. He feels strongly that if we are to look to the JOT Program for future senior executives of the Agency, we must broaden the base. I told him that I had been thinking about this program lately and thought that I might ask the Office of Training for a status report which would give the complete history of the program to date, and that thereafter I would have a periodic statistical report which would be meaningful. In any case, I asked him to leave the matter with me for the moment.