

DIARY NOTES

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13 through 16 November 1956

1. Mr. Dulles requested that we draft Headquarters [redacted] Notices discouraging the exchange of Christmas cards between departmental and field employees; they should not be in the form of a prohibition, however.

2. Shef has been to New York to brief Mr. Harrison and five of the other principal architects working on our building as to the security hazards (penetration possibilities) in connection with the construction of our new building. He is afraid that he may have frightened them into asking for more money. H

3. Jim Garrison has now agreed to assign [redacted] with the understanding that he will relieve [redacted]. He assures me that he has sent the necessary instructions to the field. 25X1A6A

4. I talked to [redacted] again about the [redacted] housing problem and arranged for [redacted] and the Logistics and Finance people to meet with Mr. [redacted] to try to work out something. As of now it has been worked out so that the [redacted] H

5. [redacted] telephoned about the administrative support to the National Security Council when the Operations Coordinating Board is merged with it. I told him I had assumed that we probably would continue to support the combined staff as we had the Council in the past and that we would raise no objection if he wanted it that way. He indicated that he did and that unless Mr. Jackson or the Bureau of the Budget interposed an objection he felt sure it would line up that way. With regard to furnishing the supergrades for the Operations Coordinating Board, he agreed with me that these should be legalized through the Civil Service Commission and/or included in their budget presentation to the Congress.

6. Jack Blake [redacted] were up to talk to me about personnel management in general and particularly about three employees in the DD/S area who have not been promoted despite recommendations made by the EE Division. I explained our policy of implementing the Competitive Promotion System and said that regardless of the Division's recommendations we could not promote these people unless they were in fact high on our priority list. John told me, however, that the DD/P area did not intend to implement the Competitive Promotion System below the grade GS-13 level. This is inconsistent with the decisions that have already been made by the Career Council and will have to be pursued.

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7. At the Deputies' Meeting Mr. Paul briefed us on the probable organization of the new committees in the Congress. Generally speaking, we will appear before the same committees that we have in the past. We may have to look out for Senator Mansfield again inasmuch as he is going to be Majority Whip. We also may anticipate further dealings with the Committee on Internal Security, and this might become a problem.

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9. We discussed the question of whether [Redacted], formerly of the Technical Services Staff who resigned to participate in a political campaign, should be allowed to return at this time. The Director deferred any decision on this for another few weeks.

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10. Following conversations with General Cabell and Dick Helms, it has been decided that [Redacted] will replace Harry Reynolds as Director of Personnel on 18 January 1957, the day on which Harry completes three years in this position. It is the Director's desire that Gordon remain on that job for a three-year tour. No decision has been made as to what Harry's next assignment will be.

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11. Mr. [Redacted]..who fled to Mexico with quite a bit of our money... has been brought back and turned over to the Office of Security for interrogation.

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13. Larry Houston and I lunched with [Redacted] who wanted the Director to intercede on behalf of Whitey Willauer in connection with his appointment as Ambassador to Portugal. He also warned us that Senator Mansfield would

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probably be after us and that someone should take steps to make our peace with him. He suggested also that General Smith was going to be terribly important in the new Administration and that if we were not very close to him we should hasten to mend our fences. Insofar as

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14. Jim Garrison talked to me about his personal future and wanted to know whether I thought he should ever plan on an overseas assignment. I told him it was my honest opinion that he should not and that I did not believe that the Office of the DD/P would ever place him in a position commensurate with his grade. I said that for my part I would like to see him stay in the Office of Logistics and continue to build and develop this organization. He seemed to accept this very well and I think that he will continue along these lines.

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15. [redacted] briefed me on a number of personnel cases. A set of charges will be presented to [redacted] as a result of his performance in the Technical Services Staff. He warned me that we were about to turn down an applicant named [redacted]

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16. Vernon thinks that the Office of Logistics has not made a case against [redacted] and that their handling of this case is a reflection on personnel management in the Office of Logistics.