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DIARY NOTES

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24 March 1958

1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. I again raised the question of Elmer Staats' desire to have a Junior Officer Trainee continue at the Operations Coordinating Board on a nonreimbursable basis. As before, it was the unanimous opinion of all those present that we should discontinue this arrangement. (At the Director's request I later talked to [redacted] who seemed to have no argument in favor of continuing the arrangement except that he disagreed with everyone else on the value of this training. He felt that [redacted] and [redacted] were enough to "penetrate" the OCB if this were necessary---which he did not think was really the case. In view of this I see no reason to change our previous position.)

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b. We discussed the pros and cons of letting an Excavation and Foundation Contract as soon as possible and letting another separate contract for the remainder of our building. It was very clear that both Mr. Dulles and General Cabell preferred to do this rather than wait until December to let one contract for the whole building, even at the risk of spending "as much as an additional half million dollars." With this guidance I agreed to obtain more firm estimates as to dates and money before we reached a final decision.

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3. [redacted] reported that he had looked into the deciphering and incipherring situation in [redacted] and found that Mr. [redacted] statement---to the effect that all cable traffic passing through these signal centers was being broken out and read by [redacted]---could not be supported. I relayed this to Dick who said that he would talk with [redacted] and report on it at the Deputies' Meeting on Wednesday.

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