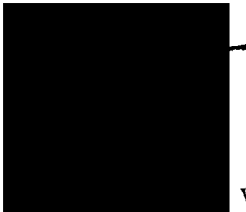


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DIARY NOTES

28 February 1958

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1 [redacted] was in to see me. With regard to the purchase of a house in [redacted] he feels that there is no urgency about this matter and said that he would keep his eyes open for a suitable house but would make no pressing attempt to get one right away or obligate funds prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. He fully understands and appreciates our desire that he occupy the house as soon as we acquire it. He was most appreciative of the attention we had given to this matter and of the meeting which we arranged with [redacted]

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I explained to him that DD/P had made recommendations to the Director in connection with his representational allowances and that as I understood it they preferred to charge as much of his expenses as possible to operations rather than to representation although they did not question the total amount. He also understood this and was completely agreeable.

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He had some question in his mind as to whether or not the [redacted] installation was essential. He said that it was in excellent condition and was well managed by the man in charge; however, there were ten people involved and he hoped that I would take a good hard look at it when I came over. He also questioned the advisability of having a girl stationed at this location. He said that the young lady who was there now had not complained and was the type who could handle herself well under these circumstances but that it was rather an isolated area for a girl without much companionship and perhaps it would be preferable to assign a man to this post; however, if this were not possible the next incumbent should be selected with the isolation aspect in mind.

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2. At the Deputies' Meeting:

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a. The Director indicated the extreme importance of Project [redacted] stating that it had top priority over anything else in the Agency at the moment and that resources should be drawn from wherever necessary in order to support it. (Following the Meeting I called [redacted] to ask him if there were anything special we could do and also instructed J. R.

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[redacted] of the priority of the Project and to be extremely responsive. Al called later to request that we purchase and pack for de-

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parture on Sunday a "one kilowatt radio broadcast extension" which J. R. has arranged to do.)

b. I briefed the group on the status of the "pay raise bills" and pointed out that according to the Senate version we would be unable to hire anybody during the Quarter beginning 1 April and only fill one-third of our vacancies during succeeding quarters unless an exception were granted by the President. (I have requested Gordon Stewart to check his recruitment list and insure if possible that those key people whom we may be recruiting enter on duty prior to 1 April.)

3. I talked to Gordon about our summer employment program and told him that we should develop procedures which would screen applicants very carefully against our requirements and that we should take only those which were really needed, declining all others regardless of whose feelings might be hurt.

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5. I briefed Mr. Dulles and General Cabell on the status of [redacted] health.

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25X1A6a [redacted] had not been decided. Jack is not in favor of eliminating this position at this late date and proposes, with [redacted] permission, to send a cable to [redacted] stating that we are going to go ahead and send out Howard Preston for this job. I told him that this met with my approval and to draft a cable and show it to me before sending it out.

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