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DIARY NOTES

DD/S



28 January 1958

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1. Ed Saunders reported that he, [REDACTED] had met with Rex Reid, Bureau of the Budget, who approved of the release from the Reserve of \$1.5 million for Project [REDACTED] and \$2.2 million for Project [REDACTED]. In accordance with my understanding, however, I told Ed not to release any of the \$1.2 million for replacement of ordnance items until we received further word.

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2. Shef Edwards was in to talk to me about Security personnel in Project AQUATONE. Approximately twenty youngsters just out of college were hired as Security Officers to go overseas with AQUATONE at which time they were promised jobs and careers with the Agency when they returned. Their tours of duty are now up and they will be returning shortly. Inasmuch as AQUATONE has not phased out as was anticipated they also have to be replaced. I told Shef that I saw no alternative but to replace them with contract employees and that we would have to absorb the twenty who were returning as soon as we could. If all of these people have to be absorbed by the Office of Security it will put them considerably over strength and they will not be able to recruit professionals for several years.

3. Jim Garrison reported that approximately twenty truckloads of equipment left over from Project [REDACTED] had been delivered to the [REDACTED] Warehouse and that he would have to devote a considerable amount of overtime to renovating and repacking it. In addition, Project AQUATONE is turning in a great deal of surplus equipment which is going to cause the same kind of difficulty.

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4. I reviewed with [REDACTED] his committee's proposal for changing our quarters allowances and signed the paper which will now be submitted to the DD/I and DD/P for their concurrences or comments.

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5. [REDACTED] and I saw Congressman Broyhill about the traffic problems in the Langley area and particularly about the letters on this subject which he has been receiving from Sam Neel. The Congressman is not concerned about Sam Neel as an individual but is concerned about public relations in the area. I think we satisfied him that we were very much aware of the problem and doing our best to cope with it.

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6. [REDACTED] Public Buildings Service, telephoned to say that they were somewhat concerned about the desires of our Security people to enforce extreme secur-

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ity measures on the contractor for our new building. He said that they had had similar problems with the State Department building, as had the Atomic Energy Commission with their building, and believed that they had accomplished their objective without resorting to extreme measures which he felt would cause us a lot of trouble with the contractor and probably run up the price considerably. He also emphasized, however, that they would administer the contract in any way we wished. I told him that I shared his feelings but would like to talk the matter out with our Security people before making any final decision.

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7. [redacted] telephoned to say that he thought we ought to do something about maintaining the trees and shrubbery at [redacted] which were in a serious state of deterioration. He estimated that it might take as much as \$5,000 to do the necessary. I told him to go ahead as long as there were adequate funds in the Center's budget.

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8. Gordon Stewart reported that [redacted] John Tietjen, [redacted] from the DD/S Area were elected to the GEHA Board. This leaves [redacted] completely off the Board and causes me some concern as to who is going to lead this group in the forthcoming year. I want to pursue this with Gordon.

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9. Ed Saunders advised me that he thought we would have to get clearance from the Bureau of the Budget before constructing [redacted]. I told him that I would suggest sending a cable to the field asking that this be cleared with Bob Macy on the spot.

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10. Ed also reported that [redacted] had signed off on a paper which combined eight projects in the IO Division, ranging from \$30,000 to \$570,000, into one. He did not believe that the DD/P Area had authority to do this and said that he was holding up this action. He also commented that they had taken similar action concerning one FI project and one PM project. I told him that offhand it sounded to me as though he were correct.

11. Jim Garrison advised me of the proposal to transfer [redacted] to the Real Estate & Construction Division. I told him that I was not satisfied that this was a wise move and asked him to look into it further.

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