

DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that [REDACTED] had been invited to accompany one of his contacts on a trip to Latin America and that the contact would bear all of the Agent's transportation expenses. He wanted to know if I saw anything wrong in letting him go and paying his per diem while he was there. I told him that I didn't and that he could accomplish this by issuing a travel order to this effect.

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2. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that the Director had signed off on our request- ing \$2.2 million from the Reserve for Project [REDACTED] but had stipulated that he wanted to review the hardware situation before we spent any of the \$1.2 million released for that purpose.

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3. I asked Gordon Stewart to talk to [REDACTED] about the morale situation among the military personnel in the PPC Staff. He told me that he thought the morale among the military people in [REDACTED] shop was not good and that he proposed to talk to Dick about it.

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4. Mr. Dulles received a call from Andy Goodpaster at the White House concern- ing one of our employees by the name of [REDACTED]. It seems as though Goodpaster had been advised by ex-Governor [REDACTED] that we were forcing [REDACTED] to go to [REDACTED] against his will. Investigation indicated that [REDACTED] had been disappointed for some time because he had not been promoted to grade GS-14. He is in the Office of the Comptroller as is [REDACTED] whose wife is a sister of Mrs. [REDACTED] has been promoted to grade GS-14 and apparently there is considerable jealousy between the two sisters. Recently Ed Saunders selected [REDACTED] to go to [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] own statement he had decided to accept this assignment and when he told his wife about it she became extremely irritated and called ex-Governor [REDACTED] without his knowledge. Governor [REDACTED] then apparently called Andy Goodpaster, or someone at the White House, who called Mr. Dulles. Mr. Dulles relayed the problem to me through [REDACTED]. I talked to both Ed Saunders and [REDACTED] about it and with Mr. Dulles' permission telephoned Andy Goodpaster and explained the situation to him. He was very appreciative and said that the whole thing had been put to him on the basis of the [REDACTED] assignment and since we were no longer pressing this matter they had no further interest in it.

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5. I talked to [redacted] about my visit to the [redacted] or somewhere else, to and about the idea of getting a panel of scientists at [redacted] consider our total research and development problems rather than have them operate in a vacuum on one isolated project. He seemed to think that this was a very good idea and indicated that he would follow through when he took over responsibility for all re- search and development.

6. Dick discussed two problems with me in connection with Project AQUATONE. He said that they were getting ready to settle some of their contracts----it is obvious that he is seriously concerned about possible criticism of these settlements----and wanted to start having regular meetings between [redacted] and Jim Garrison in order to insure that Jim was fully knowledgeable of what they were doing. He also sug- gested that Jim review the proposed settlements and submit his comments on them be- fore they were presented to the contractors. The other problem involved the total AQUATONE procurement program. Again, Dick was obviously concerned about the possibility of being criticized for the way in which they have conducted their procure- ment; he was quite frank to say that they had made a number of mistakes. He pro- posed that a board be set up, composed of Kirk as chairman and Larry Houston and me as members, in addition to one member from the Air Force, and possibly others, to review the whole procurement program, call witnesses, etc., and make whatever re- ports and recommendations seemed appropriate. I told him that in both of these prob- lems I was certainly interested in protecting the Agency and that as a matter of prin- ciple I could see nothing wrong with his proposals but would like to think the matter over further as to just how they should be accomplished. (The fact is that I am con- cerned about putting Jim Garrison in such a vulnerable position at this late date and of being pulled in on it myself merely for the sake of building up a record to protect Dick against possible criticism.)

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7. At his request, I had lunch with [redacted] who posed the usual question, "How am I doing?" I told him that I had been concerned about his performance recently and that there were three specific matters which had come to my attention. I advised him that not too long ago a [redacted] who had served with him [redacted] had made some rather serious charges against him involving his credit, conduct at the Officers' Club, excessive drinking, etc. He assured me that I need have no concern about [redacted] allegations. I told him that I did not know whether or not the matter had been turned over to the Inspector General but that in any case I was sorry to have things brought up at this late date about his conduct [redacted] I in- formed him that the second matter involved his conduct in the handling of the assign- ments of Support people to the field. I said that the rumor was quite rampant that he was trying to rig assignments so that he would succeed [redacted] in [redacted] He commented that he would like this job but that he was not doing anything that was im- proper. He then proceeded to tell me that it was Division policy to send to their field

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stations Support people who had served in the Division here at headquarters. I reminded him that the Division had no authority to make such policy and, furthermore, that he was responsible to insure that the Support Career Services were looked out for as well as the interests of the Division. I also told him that it was generally understood that he was the individual who was pushing this policy rather than the Division itself. The third matter, I said, concerned his drinking habits. I informed him that I had been told recently that he was doing entirely too much drinking at lunchtime, taking too much time off for lunch, and sometimes not showing up at the office in the afternoon without the formality of taking annual leave. He seemed quite surprised at this but was in a pretty weak position inasmuch as he had had two stiff drinks in my presence. (I have seen him on a number of occasions recently at the Army/Navy Club with a bottle on the table, many times when he was alone.) I also told him, however, that I had talked to [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had talked to [REDACTED] about his performance and they had no complaints; in fact they thought that he was doing an entirely satisfactory job. I added that his latest Fitness Report would likewise reflect a good performance.

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3. Gates and I had a long session with Gordon Stewart to discuss possible candidates for the position of Deputy Director of Personnel. We asked Gordon to think about this seriously and to get together with us again in a couple of weeks to try to come to some definite conclusion.