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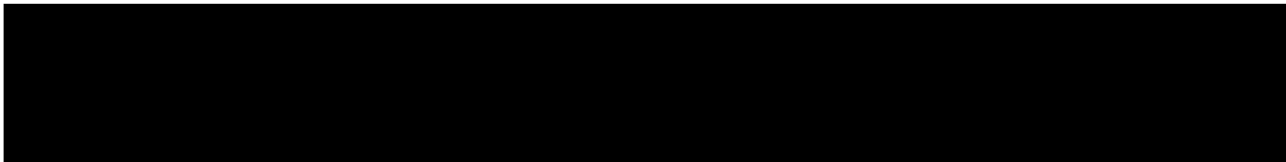


6 January 1958

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1. [redacted] telephoned to inquire about the status of our request for the re-lease of \$4.4 million from the Contingency Reserve for [redacted] I told him that so far as I knew the Director had not signed off on his most recent paper and that I would suggest that he call the Director's Office and do what he could to get it approved.

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3. I discussed with General Cabell the memorandum which Bob Macy proposes to send to the FE Division in connection with his forthcoming trip to the Far East. He was surprised that the DD/P was not sending along a representative and contacted Dick [redacted] Dick still wanted to contest the Bureau's right to look into any aspect of operations but conceded that if he failed to win this battle he should send someone along. (At Wednesday's Deputies' Meeting this whole matter was discussed again. The Director was fairly philosophical about it and it was clear that he did not share the fears of Messrs. Wisner and [redacted]. Furthermore, as a practical matter he didn't seem to think that it was feasible to stop the Bureau from looking at operations and believed that inasmuch as they only had three people working on our budget there was not too much damage they could do. In any case, as far as Macy's trip to the Far East is concerned we are to go ahead with it. However, Mr. Dulles wants to see the group before they go out and I have arranged this for Friday at 11:00 a.m.)

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4. I met with Mr. [redacted] Messrs. [redacted] of Project [redacted], and Messrs. [redacted] of the Office of Logistics in connection with some procurement for [redacted] agreed generally that in this particular procurement there was no real reason for having a classified contract which would cause some delay but that it would be desirable to avoid any publicity. I, therefore, accepted responsibility for negotiating an unclassified contract with as many safeguards as possible built in to avoid publicity.

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5. Departed for [redacted] with Messrs. Stewart and [redacted] and Civil Service Commissioners Ellsworth and Lawton.

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6. Shef Edwards reported that he had received from [REDACTED] a small bust of Abraham Lincoln with a note expressing his appreciation for Shef's fairness, etc., in connection with his recent separation. In view of [REDACTED] mental condition Shef is afraid to send the gift back and suggested that he put it in his office where it would become Agency property rather than his personal property. I approved and asked him to advise General Cabell of this action.

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