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1. [redacted] was in to report on the results of his investigation of a series of petty complaints against [redacted] [redacted]. It was Bill's conclusion that Jack might have erred in the way in which he went about doing certain things but that he actually had done nothing wrong, that the allegations grew out of petty gossip, and that he should be fully supported in his position. [redacted] 25X1A

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[redacted] I agreed with Bill's conclusion but requested that he prepare a memorandum for the record regarding these charges and the results of his investigation. (After Bill has done this, I think that I will want to brief the Inspector General because it is probable that one or more of these people will make the same allegations to him in due course.)

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2. I met with [redacted] on Project [redacted] and asked Vernon to arrange with the FE Division the transfer of funds to the Office of Communications to pay for the unforeseen burden which this Project was placing on the Office of Communications. 25X1A2g

3. John Tietjen requested my approval to assist the Federal Aviation Agency on an ad hoc project wherein our Psychiatric Staff would be used to screen certain border inspectors. This would be on a reimbursable basis and I approved. 25X1A9a

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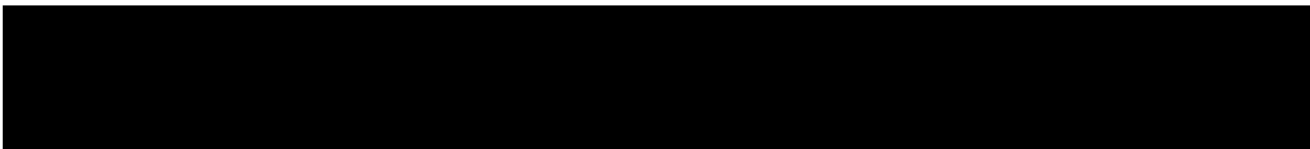
4. John also talked to me about [redacted] who apparently has decided that he would like to make a lifetime career in the Agency, provided the Agency would sponsor further training for him so that he could become an analyst. This is a rather expensive program and could be quite lengthy. I told John that despite this I was favorably disposed if [redacted] was serious about staying on. The Military, the Veterans Administration, and the Public Health Service have similar training programs, and I think that if we expect to compete we must do likewise. The advantage of this arrangement is that although we would be paying for [redacted] training it would be done on his own time and we would have his full service while he was undergoing training.

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5. I called Dick Helms about the paper on Project [redacted] which the Support Staff showed to me yesterday, and he said that he would attempt to expedite it. I also told him that I would like to have [redacted] go to Florida soon to look at the [redacted] Installation, and he was in full agreement. (I passed this on to Vernon.)

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7. Jim Garrison, [redacted] and I met with Mr. McCone to report on the progress and status of [redacted]. I thought that the meeting went fairly well, although Mr. McCone threw a new wrinkle into the situation by saying that he wanted not only to have the building completed in December but also the National Photographic Interpretation Center moved into it and using it. (See Memo for the Record dtd 12 Jan 62.) (DD/S 62-0151)

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8. Jim Garrison and I reported to the Director on our conversations with representatives from the Public Buildings Service and with Slater Davidson to convey his dissatisfaction with the delay in the completion of our headquarters building and to request that they do everything possible to speed it up. I told Mr. McCone that the representatives from the Public Buildings Service were apologetic and co-operative and that the contractor was not apologetic but co-operative; further, that while we still wanted to get him into his seventh floor suite by 1 March we could not guarantee it since the contractor was rather emphatic that he couldn't guarantee that this could be done.

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9. Mr. Saunders briefed the Director on the Office of Comptroller and certain aspects of the Agency's financial management. While the briefing went fairly well, it was unfortunate that we did not get to finish, and I am afraid that the Director was left with an erroneous impression that 60 per cent of our funds were not well controlled. Mr. McCone expressed his desire to continue this briefing and I will try to arrange it as soon as possible. In this connection, he requested that Ed provide him with a chart showing the trend in our budget for the last two or three years with reasons therefor. Upon learning that our Audit Staff did not audit Project OXCART, he asked me to supply him with a report on just how this audit was handled. (I have asked [redacted] to develop this without delay.)

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10. I talked to [redacted] about our [redacted] communications problem and told him that I did not think we were making much progress and asked him to do something about moving on with it. He said that he intended to get after this right away.

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11. [redacted] recommended that [redacted] be assigned to [redacted] outside office group; he felt that it would be very much in our interest to assign a very capable Chief of Support to this group. I told him that I was favorably disposed but that I would like to defer final decision at the moment. Vernon was also very high on Jim [redacted] and felt that if he worked on his Staff for a couple of years, during which time he probably would be promoted to a grade GS-15, he would be prepared to assume major and senior responsibilities in the Office of Personnel.

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12. Following my meetings with Mr. McCone, participated in by Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] I remained to appeal to him to give me guidance as early as possible on his reorganization plans affecting space allocation in the building. I explained that we were ready to award a contract for the next phase of the move and that substantial rearrangements on the seventh floor would cause some rearrangements on other floors, possibly all floors. I also explained that our problem was a very complicated one, concerning which we needed information as soon as he could possibly give it to us. Mr. McCone said that he realized that I had a problem but that he could not give me any more information at this time. He also said that he had a group working on it night and day and went on to say that not only he but the entire Community was unhappy about the bulk of General

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[REDACTED] Staff being located on the ground floor rather than on the seventh. I said that if this were the only problem that I had I wouldn't be too concerned but gathered it was a much bigger problem and requested that I be given further information at the earliest possible moment.

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