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DIARY NOTES

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17 July 1962

1. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that, as a result of Mr. McCone's admonition at lunch the other day (which I attended) with regard to the proper administration of contracts, and particularly cost plus fixed fee contracts, Larry Houston has suggested a memorandum be written to the Director setting forth the procedures which we have in effect. I told Jim that I concurred in this but desired that the memorandum be forwarded to the General Counsel through the Deputy Director (Support).

2. Howard Preston was in for a brief chat. He has just returned from [REDACTED] 25X1A6a and is to be assigned as Chief of Support, Task Force W. He was immensely pleased with his new assignment.

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3. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that they had collected some administrative information about an applicant named [REDACTED] but that the Medical, Personnel, and Security Panel had declined to consider the case. I told him that I would meet with Dr. Tietjen, [REDACTED] and him tomorrow morning after the DD/S Staff Meeting to discuss this case briefly. 25X1A9a

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4. [REDACTED], who is scheduled to attend the Naval War College this fall, was in to say good-by. He was extremely enthusiastic about this assignment, and I am sure that he will do well. He was anxious to go back to the field in an action situation in preference to a liaison situation as soon as he returns, if this is "in the cards."

5. John Bross was down to discuss at some length with me the personnel figures for Fiscal Year 1963. I told him that I thought it was important that he fix the major component ceilings within the total allocation which the Director has decided upon and that he tell the various Deputy Directors what this ceiling is. We can then adjust our sights and proceed accordingly. I argued that the needs of the Offices of Personnel and Security and the Medical Staff to satisfy recruitment should be honored immediately and that the Special Security Clearance Center, which the Office of Security has been directed to set up, also should be honored immediately. If we are, in fact, to absorb these by the end of the fiscal year, we will have to do so; but it is important that at

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25X9A2 least a temporary authorization be granted without delay. (With regard to the over-all situation, I am not at all optimistic that the Agency can recruit, clear for security, and enter on duty up to [redacted] people by the end of June 1963. I would guess that we, despite intensive efforts, will be a few hundred short of this mark.) I also suggested to John Bross that, after these ceilings are set and we can gauge our recruitment program accordingly, the Financial Budget and Policy Review Committee look over this situation quarterly to see how we are doing and what adjustments might be appropriate at that time.

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25X1A9a other DD/S officials, "line officers" he said, in connection with the Manpower Task Force. I told him that I was not optimistic that he was going to accomplish anything in such a short time but that, if he could convince the DDCI and the DCI as to what we really needed, be it more or less, he would have made a major contribution to the Agency. At any rate, I agreed to come up with the names of three more competent individuals to be made available to the Task Force for five weeks beginning next Monday morning, 23 July.

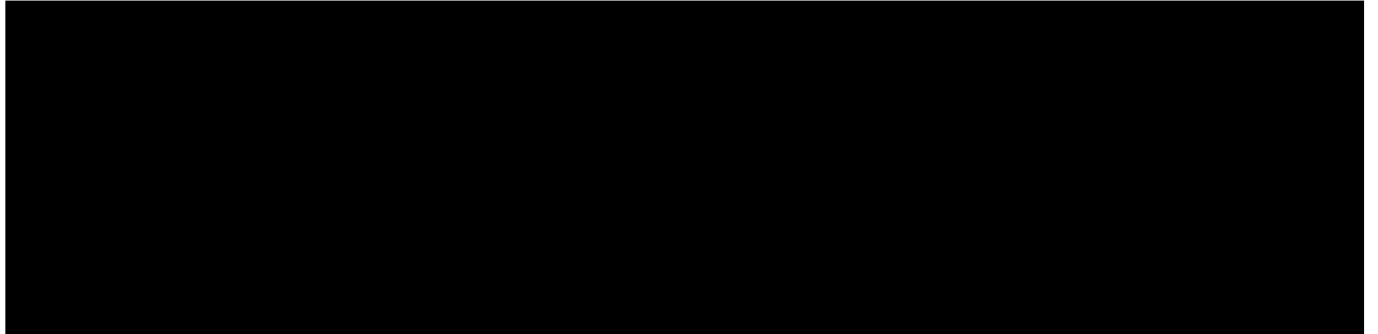
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25X1A9a 7. At [redacted] request I had a long talk with him this morning about his personal plans and the reasons therefor. He will resign from the Agency on 30 August 1962 and will become a consultant. This is in accordance with his desires and wishes, and there is absolutely no acrimony involved in any way. I expressed my regrets to Frank and my admiration for him and his contribution to the Agency and, of course, offered to be of any assistance in any possible way that I could. We agreed that Emmett Echols, Larry Houston and John Tietjen should be told about this at this time, although Frank does not wish to have it generally publicized. I have talked to these three individuals and have asked them to give Frank a ring to discuss his personal affairs insofar as they may have any concern whatever with them.

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