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25X1A9a 1. [redacted] advised me that both General Carter and the Director were complaining about the number of security aides in the DCI reception area and the unsatisfactory appearance of the area in general. I talked to Colonel Edwards about this and instructed him that there are to be no more than two people in this area at one time and that they are not to eat lunch at their desks. In general, they are expected to keep this area in "show place" condition.

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25X1A6d a. The purpose of their visit was to reassure themselves that we still wanted [redacted] completed as a matter of urgency. They requested that we make no more changes in the building, that we designate priority areas which we want finished ahead of others, and that we consider going on a six-day week
25X1A5a1 I assured Mr. [redacted] that our sense of urgency was as great as ever, that we would make no more changes which would affect the construction schedule, and that we would designate priority areas. I deferred making an implied commitment with regard to the six-day week, multiple crews, overtime, etc., inasmuch as I felt that we must have the advice and, in fact, concurrence of the Public Building Service before taking this action.

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25X1A5a1 b. Mr. [redacted] was most enthusiastic. He said that he saw no problem in finishing the building on schedule and that he would personally "ride herd" on this contract until about 1 July at which time, I gather, he expects to be appointed [redacted]

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25X1A5a1 c. Mr. [redacted] saw representatives of PBS at 4:00 p.m. today to discuss all matters regarding [redacted] in which he had an interest.

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25X1A5a1 d. At Mr. [redacted] request I have arranged for a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 10 May, to be attended by Mr. [redacted] (the architect), PBS representatives, and representatives of the Office of Logistics and NPIC.

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25X1A9a 3. [redacted] talked to me about the possibility of [redacted] being used on the IG staff. I told him that I did not know what Mr. Earman's reaction would be, but I thought that this would be shortsighted for Mel inasmuch as he would have the

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same problem all over again after serving a two- or three-year tour of duty. If he has a job offer somewhere else which is satisfactory to him, I think that he should take it.

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4. I met with Stan Beerli, [redacted] and several of their representatives to discuss the possibility of merging the DPD logistics system with that of the rest of the Agency. It was obvious that DPD did not want to do this and had some reservations about its priority. I took the position that I had been asked to explore this by General Carter and that I did not wish to debate the merits of General Carter's request. I proposed that Logistics and DPD each designate a representative to study the problem in detail and to come up with recommendations. I designated [redacted] from Logistics, and I assume that DPD will designate [redacted]

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5. In connection with the above, I learned that [redacted] has never been cleared for DPD special projects, and Mr. Garrison is still accepting responsibility for these by a periodic briefing. I want to pursue this inasmuch as I feel strongly that Mr. Garrison must rely on the Chief of Procurement Division to do this for him.

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6. [redacted] was in to talk to me about his replacement. I told him that, while I thought Howard Preston would be good, [redacted] was under no obligation to take him. Jack suggested [redacted]. I told him that I had no objection to this, but [redacted] would have to persuade [redacted] to give him up. I emphasized that I was anxious to put in this job a good man who is also satisfactory to [redacted] and that I would go to the extreme of recalling [redacted] from [redacted] if necessary.

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