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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning the Director said that Secretary of Defense McNamara had asked him to work out some system whereby he could receive certain messages faster. In this particular instance a very important message about the Congo was received yesterday morning, 14 October, around 10 a.m. and the Secretary had not yet received it at 2 p.m. We have an SOP under which the National Security Agency is responsible for seeing that the Secretary of Defense receives such messages. The Director asked Ray Cline and John Bross to work out an arrangement with NSA whereby we could send a message of such urgency direct to the Secretary of Defense. (I see no responsibility or action required here on the part of the Office of Communications.)

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4. [REDACTED] who is on home leave [REDACTED] was in for a visit. He saw little prospect of expanding our [REDACTED] operations in the near future. With regard to our operations in [REDACTED] he thought that there would be relatively minor irritants such as complaints [REDACTED] as to how many Americans are there, their diplomatic privileges, etc., but he saw no reason why we couldn't continue to operate there for the foreseeable future.

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25X1A There have been no developments regarding the receiver site which is on [REDACTED] property, even though we could be asked to move at any time. Jack believed that, if this should happen, we could say that we would be glad to move but it would take some time and that the [REDACTED] would grant the time. (I will talk with Jack again when he returns to town in about ten days about a replacement for [REDACTED] as Chief of Support [REDACTED] next year.)

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6. [REDACTED] talked with me confidentially about an offer which he has received from Larry Houston to become Chief of the Legislative Staff. I told Jack that I thought he would be an ideal person for this job, but I questioned seriously whether he would receive the same satisfaction from this job that he does from being Chief of Station, [REDACTED]. This would be a liaison rather than a legislative job, and Jack could certainly do it very well. However, his only overseas service has been as Chief of the [REDACTED] station, and he probably would not have another chance to get in five years of overseas service in order to qualify as a participant under the new early retirement program. He unquestionably was tempted by the offer, however, and said that he would like to come back and talk with me personally and confidentially about it some more.

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