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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. General Carter said that Secretary Rusk had been asked to address the Sons of the Republic of Texas in Dallas and that Secretary McNamara had been asked to address the Dallas Council of World Affairs. He said that the President had some reservations about Cabinet officers speaking before these groups and asked me to dig up any information we had on them. (Memoranda were furnished by the Office of Security on 22 September.)

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b. We again discussed what we should do about a security clearance for Mr. Oshler of Congressman Patman's committee. It was the consensus that we should obtain a security clearance on Mr. Oshler, but no one seemed sure just how to ask for it. Congressman Mahon told  that he couldn't help us in this situation. It was suggested that we approach Congressman Patman with our problem, but no final decision was made. This led to a discussion on what clearances we have on members of Congress and their staffs. I said that we did not presume to investigate Congressmen themselves but that we do have clearances on their staffs which are obtained through the Department of Defense or other Government agencies. (I confirmed the accuracy of my statements with Howard Osborn. I asked him to have a current check made to ensure that we do, in fact, have clearances on all Congressional staff personnel with whom we deal.)

c. I advised the group that, if our early retirement bill is passed by Congress, it cannot become effective until the regulations have been approved by the Chairman and the senior minority member of both the Senate and House subcommittees. We want to make an all-out effort to get this approval before they leave town. Accordingly, each Deputy Director was requested to designate an individual to represent him on a coordinating committee and to ensure that his authoritative comments are returned to the Office of Personnel within twenty-four hours after receiving the draft regulation. In this connection, General Carter said that he wanted to ensure that we didn't regulate ourselves into a strait jacket and that the regulations are written to allow the Director the maximum discretionary authority. (I passed this on to Emmett Echols and told him that, when the regulations are drafted, we should arrange

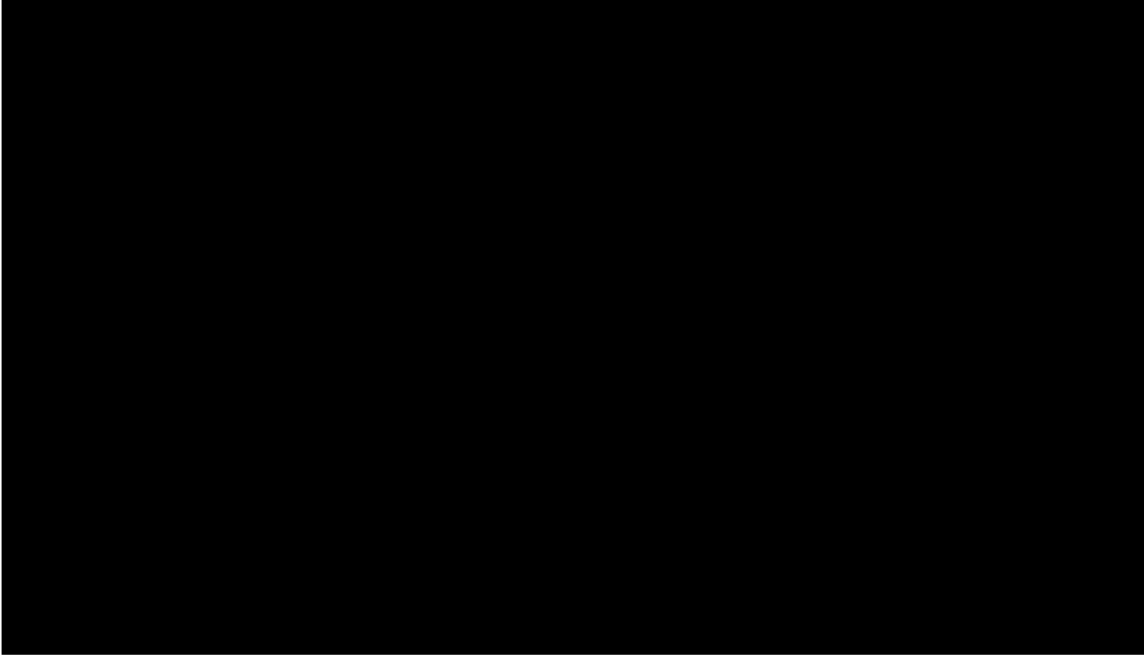
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a short session with General Carter to make sure that he agrees with them before we submit them to either the Bureau of the Budget or the Congressional subcommittees,)



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3. [redacted] will soon depart on a trip to Europe and while there will look into the possibility of employing an architect for our new receiver site in [redacted]. I reminded both him and [redacted] that, in accordance with my understanding with [redacted] the Clandestine Services must determine whether we have a bona fide requirement for two-way agent communications to justify this expenditure. [redacted] undertook to unravel this and on 23 September with [redacted] and my concurrence sent a cable to [redacted] saying that Headquarters had decided that we have these requirements and that we want to proceed with this construction.)

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4. [redacted] and [redacted] briefed me on the National Communications System Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN). This is a world-wide system employing a number of switches, like our MAX-1 which we are installing at [redacted]. We will be tied into this network; however, we will not use it for CIA traffic because, as in the case of our own system, the traffic breaks out in the clear at the various switching centers. They also briefed me on the Automatic Voice System (AUTOVON) being installed by NCS. In essence, this system will permit direct dialing by subscribers to almost any United States installation in the world participating in the system. It will have some application to us, but I think

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that it is limited because it is an unclassified service and would require special cyphering equipment on any telephone over which classified information would be discussed.

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5. After lunching with Jim Garrison I asked [REDACTED] to have someone get in touch with him to advise him of his retirement benefits, procedures, etc., and to debrief him. (See my Memorandum for the Record regarding the substance of my luncheon conversation with Jim.)

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6. Dick Helms and I met briefly with General Carter to discuss filling the three vacant "at large" Executive Pay Scale positions. Dick wanted to fill them with Jim Angleton, [REDACTED] General Carter declined to take any such action without considering all the grade GS-18's in the Agency who might be deserving of such recognition. I undertook to furnish him with a list of the grade GS-18's. I agreed later with Dick to show him my comments on the list before I sent them forward.

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7. I talked with General Carter and later with Howard Osborn about the case of [REDACTED] General Carter felt quite strongly that the Director's responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods compels him to have an important and continuing interest in this and all other such cases. He agreed that this was an appropriate subject to be put on the agenda of the USIB Security Committee meeting and that all members should be admonished to take appropriate action in any such case to ensure that the national interest is served.

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