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## DIARY NOTES

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- 1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:
- a. Larry Houston reported that the panel of lawyers has signed off on our early retirement regulation, the Bureau of the Budget is expected to sign off by the end of the week, and there does not appear to be any difficulty with our Congressional committees. Therefore, it looks like we might have the green light on implementation very shortly.
- b. Larry also reported that Senator Long's committee will not investigate bugging or other eavesdropping devices used by this and other sensitive agencies.
- 2. Emmett Echols was in to discuss several items:
- a. He showed me a draft memorandum which he wants to send to the Executive Director-Comptroller proposing certain rules which would have to be adhered to when revising a Table of Organization, etc., in order to maintain the current average grade structure and to live within our restrictions. I approved in principle but suggested some minor modifications.
- b. Emmett talked to me about our hard-nosed retirement policy. He felt that we should be lenient with the following two types of people:

  (a) the sixty-two-year-old such as a receptionist who is not easy to recruit, who is not really in the career program, and who is not really blocking anyone for promotion (I am also sympathetic with this idea.); and (b) those people who would complete twelve years of Federal service within two years and would therefore be able to continue their hospitalization benefits. I think that this is also a worthwhile consideration and asked Emmett to draft a memorandum along these lines. I think that we should not change our regulations, but we could have an understanding with senior officials and the Agency Retirement Board on these principles.

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c. I approved of Emmett's bringing from to assist in the outplacement program and also of Don's simultaneous promotion to grade GS-14.

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	d. Emmett and I talked about a deputy for Emmett is now prepared to provide someone at the grade GS-13 level. (This I applaud; it is exactly the right thing to do in this instance.)	(1A9a
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25X1A9a	4. were in to discuss the following items:	
25X1A	a. They talked to me about relief for an employee who was transferred from Washington, D. C. to and who is out of pocket several hundred dollars because of inadequate allowances. I told them that, although I thought there was nothing we could do about this, I would have another look at it and let them know.	
25X1A9a	and Harry also talked with me about the format for submission of their projects and appropriate coordination with the Research and Development Review Board. They explained that the Office of Communications has an almost exclusive charter in the communications security field and that Bud Wheelon has made it clear that he does not wish all these projects to be reviewed by the R&D Board and that he does not propose to sign off on them. I asked them to resubmit their proposal, and we will see what happens. I asked, however, that they include some statement which would satisfy General Carter that the necessary coordination had been effected and that there would be no unnecessary duplication. I said that I didn't care whether they use John	
25X1A	Clarke's format or something else as long as I can understand it clearly enough to know what I am signing.	
	c. also reported that he is going to Walter Reed Hospital for some possible surgery a week from today. He might be out for a little while, although he didn't think so.	
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25X1A9a	5. I met with Emmett Echols, Howard Osborn, and John Tietjen to discuss the case of We agreed as	

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