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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Larry Houston reported that Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, had no objection to our summer employment program. (Later in the day Larry reported that Congressman George Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, also had no objection. However, because of Senator Russell's illness Larry thought that they could not contact him for another week to ten days. I told Larry that I thought he would have until Monday, 15 February, since Mr. Kirkpatrick will not see John Macy until then but that I felt sure General Carter would want some kind of clearance shortly thereafter.)

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2. Bob Fuchs told me that he thought the Office of Finance might have retained a little more space in the Headquarters building than they actually need. (I should like someone to get in touch with Bob personally to go over his space requirements and to see what use we might make of this space and what rearrangement, alterations, etc., might be necessary. Before we assign this space to somebody else, we should ask ourselves if we need another room or two for the Office of the DD/S itself or possibly for the Office of Personnel to provide better interviewing space, etc.)

3. I talked with General Carter about our proposed regulation on involuntary separations and explained to his satisfaction that this regulation complies with the spirit if not the letter of his comments of 6 July 1964. It can now go to press. In this connection, I also talked with General Carter about the case of Mr. [REDACTED] who is surplus to Office of Research and Reports needs and who has declined a grade GS-7 position in NPIC. General Carter agreed reluctantly, I think, that, if he should decline the grade GS-7 position with salary retention rights for two years, we would have no alternative but to recommend his termination.

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4. General Carter advised me that he had cleared with the Director our request that we invite General Cabell to become a member of the Board of Directors of Air America, Inc., [REDACTED]. He also gave me a memorandum to this effect.

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5. Dick Helms buzzed to say that he had heard that quotas for reduction in our supergrade ceilings had already been decided upon, and he wanted to know what I knew about it. I told him that we had not been asked for any recommendations and had made none. However, as I understand it, the Bureau of the Budget has said that we must absorb within our approved supergrade ceiling of [REDACTED] all our Executive and Scientific Pay Schedule positions. This should be no problem insofar as Executive Pay positions are concerned because they were always included, but the SPS positions and the additional positions such as those authorized for John Bross and his staff will be a problem. I gave Dick a copy of the statistics which the Office of Personnel furnished me recently on the status of supergrades in the entire Agency.

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