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DIARY NOTES

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8 February 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning the evacuation of dependents from South Vietnam was discussed briefly, and it was generally agreed that at least for the moment we should follow whatever action the rest of the Government takes. General Carter said that it might be necessary for us to "slide around a bit" after we see what they are going to do. (I spent some time during the day talking with [redacted] and others about this situation. At the close of business the Department of State was in the process of sending a message to Saigon, the gist of which is as follows: The United States, in addition to Manila, Hong Kong, and Bangkok, is designated a safe haven area. The Ambassador is authorized to issue travel orders for dependents to any United States address. Dependents may travel either via Europe or the Pacific Ocean at no added cost to the traveller, may use either American or foreign flag air carrier, and may ship a limited amount of household effects. The education allowance will continue if dependents continue to reside abroad. Maximum per diem for the safe haven area to which they are evacuated is authorized for up to thirty days with a reduction thereafter for not to exceed a total of 180 days. Lou [redacted] has this information and is preparing another message to the Saigon station.)

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2. Matt Baird called to report that he got in touch with the Director of Training of the National Security Agency and explained to him why we could not give him copies of the Office of Training Bulletin. I asked Matt to ensure that Mr. [redacted] understands our reasons for this decision.

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3. General Carter telephoned about the status of our summer employment program. I told him that our Headquarters Notice was ready to be published, but I could not answer his questions about whether White House and/or Congressional clearances had been obtained. At his request I looked into this and found that Mr. Kirkpatrick has not yet talked to John Macy, and according to the Legislative Counsel's Journal of 5 February no green lights have been given by our Congressional committees. I sent General Carter a memorandum to this effect, together with the Headquarters Notice.

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4. [redacted] both called to report that the [redacted] area had been evacuated because of a broken steam pipe. Repairmen were on the job, and it should be fixed by tomorrow morning.

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c. I also talked to Gordon about [REDACTED]'s eagerness to replace [REDACTED]. I told Gordon that I was not anxious to see George go anywhere at the moment but that, if he should want George for this position, I would not stand in his way. I gathered that Gordon won't accept this offer and that he really feels that the Support problems in [REDACTED] are not very demanding and that George would not be as well off or as challenged as he is now as Deputy Director of Logistics.

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