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DIARY NOTES

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1. Dr. Tietjen was in for his biweekly briefing, and we covered a number of points.

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a. John alerted me to the case of [REDACTED] an FE Division employee who was wounded and is hospitalized in an Army hospital in [REDACTED]. John has recommended that he be evacuated to [REDACTED] forthwith, but he has some uneasiness about the action which is being taken in the field.

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b. I had a rather philosophical talk with John, who obviously has been giving considerable thought to the Overseas Candidate Review Panel, the Personnel Evaluation Board, and other Agency mechanisms which are concerned with suitability of employees. The gist of our conversation added up to this: On the one hand, this Agency has always tried to be compassionate and to help rehabilitate people even though they may have been seriously inadequate through misconduct or other reasons. In general, this is still the philosophy of these mechanisms. On the other hand, we received a rather strong directive urging that people be retired as soon as eligible even though they may still be doing a very fine job. Is it really right to retire a sixty-year-old who is still doing a fine job and to retain the fellow who is really a problem to us? John feels that some policy guidance from the Office of the Director in response to this question might be extremely helpful.

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2. Dr. Tietjen was in for his biweekly briefing, and we covered the following points:

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a. Miss [REDACTED] an applicant, has refused to fill out our psychological testing questionnaire. This is the first such refusal we have ever had. She is being handled with some care, however, and in all probability we would find her unsuitable for employment regardless of whether she fills out the questionnaire. I asked John to talk with Emmett Echols about this case, but at the moment I believe that we should not give her specific reasons for a turndown regardless of what her assumptions might be or what actions she might take to force us to give her a specific reason.

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b. I talked with John about [REDACTED] I told him that I was worried about Bob. I feel that he cannot relax and that, even though we are trying to set a slow pace for him, we may be doing him a disservice by keeping him on duty. I believe that John agrees with this. In any case, he feels that it would be better if Bob retired, and he will talk to him again along these lines.

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3. Bob Bannerman and I talked with General Carter about the possibility of inviting General Cabell to become a member of the Board of Directors of Air America, Inc. General Carter had no objection but wished to clear this with Mr. McCone. We agreed to give him a brief paper on this subject.

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4. [REDACTED] was in to talk with me about the possibility of assigning [REDACTED] as Chief of Support when [REDACTED] leaves in 1966. I told Ted that at the moment I have nothing on the books for Jack which would preclude this assignment but that I would like to reserve my decision for a few weeks while we sort out a number of forthcoming assignments. I said that I could see no real objection at the moment except that, if Jack has a chance to be promoted within the next two or three years, his assignment to [REDACTED] would almost preclude such promotion and would, therefore, not be in his best long-term interest. I agreed to communicate with Ted on this by 1 March.

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