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DIARY NOTES

2 February 1965

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning General Carter inquired about the status of our early retirement regulation. Larry Houston replied that he thought the lawyers would sign off on it any day now. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the Director has already given us permission to clear our regulation with the Bureau of the Budget and our Congressional committees and asked Larry to see that this is done forthwith. (I alerted Emmett Echols to this.)

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3. Emmett Echols, [redacted] and I had a good session with Mr. Kirkpatrick, John Clarke, [redacted] about 25X1A9a outplacement. In general, the ideas which the Office of Personnel sent forward in its 11 December 1964 memorandum were endorsed and approved, and the Office of Personnel was given the green light to do some firm planning along these lines. Kirk thought that, when these plans are completed, the program is important enough to launch before an assembly of key supervisors in the auditorium.

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4. [redacted] was in for a brief visit. He 25X1A6a had no specific problems. I gathered from his conversation that he is still hostile to Air America, and I hope that he will have a chance to talk with Bob Bannerman before his departure.

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5. Matt Baird telephoned to say that, despite the Office of Training's advice to the WH Division that either 24-27 April or anytime during the period 1-12 March would be most convenient for [redacted] to accommodate the 25X1A WH [redacted] Conference, the Director had decided to hold the Conference at [redacted] in March. Matt pointed out that there will be three courses in full session and 135 students in attendance at that time, which is about the maximum [redacted] can accommodate. They will, of course, go ahead with

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the Conference if they must, but he had some concern about not being able to do justice to either group. I asked him to call [redacted] and point this out to him, and then, if necessary, I will mention it to General Carter just to make sure that, if this is their final decision, they are making it with all the facts at hand.

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6. I had a very constructive talk with [redacted] about DD/S&T's Project [redacted]. Jack assured me that by submitting this project directly for approval they had not intended to do anything except obtain approval for the expenditure of funds in the amount requested- [redacted] (The DD/S&T has authority to sign off on amounts up to \$150,000.) Jack recognized, however, that they had, in fact, asked for approval of a larger amount in their specific recommendations and that this was an error. He also recognized that, in fairness to the DDCI (or in this case Mr. Kirkpatrick), they should have obtained the concurrence of either the Office of Logistics or the DD/S in their specific recommendations. Jack thought that DD/S&T's informal arrangement with the Office of Logistics on coordination of proposals was satisfactory to all concerned, and he was surprised that this particular project had not been informally coordinated. I said that I had been told it had not been but that I could be in error. (In any case, I see no reason to make any further issue of this since Jack and I seem to be on the same wave length and he was perfectly willing to grant that they had made some procedural errors in this instance.)

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7. [redacted] advised me that Bud Wheelon has decided that [redacted] Bud [redacted] will probably request this within the next few days, even though we may not be able to supply a replacement simultaneously.

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8. Howard Osborn and I briefed R. Jack Smith on the [redacted] case. Jack was inclined to agree that separation should be the order of the day. However, he requested that we defer a final decision until Ray Cline's return in about ten days. (I cleared this with Mr. Kirkpatrick but want to pursue the matter with Ray as soon as he returns.)

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9. Dick Helms called to say that he had received a note from [redacted] regarding some of the cases which we discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick a few days ago and asked me for a brief explanation of this meeting. I gave him the history, its purpose, etc. He said that [redacted] knew about the [redacted] case but had never heard of the [redacted] case. I told Dick

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25X1A9a that I assumed the chain of command had been briefed appropriately on all cases of interest to him and regretted if this had not been done. I also said that we would be happy to brief anyone he chose. He suggested that we deal with [REDACTED] on all these cases. (Later I talked with [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a found that no one has been in touch with [REDACTED] case, which 25X1A9a raises the interesting question of how Gerry knew there was a meeting in the first place. In any case, I asked Howard Osborn to go over the list of cases we reviewed with Kirk, to ensure that Gerry is briefed on all cases of interest to DD/P, and to consider him the official DD/P point of contact on all such cases in the future.)

25X1A9a 10. I lunched with [REDACTED] and talked about Matt Baird's retirement, John's future, etc.

a. John said that he thinks Matt definitely plans to retire in January 1966 but that he really does not want to despite his protestations to the contrary. Jocko said that he would be happy to serve under Matt until he completes his full twenty years of service in 1967.

b. On Matt's advice, Jocko has talked with Dick Helms about a possible overseas assignment. Dick held out some hope for Jocko to go overseas again but did not wish Matt to postpone his retirement. He thought that John should take over as Director of Training next January and serve in that position for two years.

c. I also gathered from this conversation that Matt and Mr. Kirkpatrick have had some conversations about Matt's future. Therefore, I told Jocko that I would have a talk with Kirk and would talk with Matt and him again after I had done so. Jocko emphasized that he was very flexible and had no objection at all to serving as Matt's deputy for another two full years.

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