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DIARY NOTES

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7 June 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

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a. Sherman Kent again questioned whether we could pay [REDACTED] more than \$50 a day for the two months the Office of National Estimates plans to use him this summer. I commented that Larry Houston had forwarded a memorandum to Dick Helms which, if approved, would authorize us to seek an amendment to our legislation which would free us from this \$50 limitation. I also said that this action obviously could not be taken in time to cover [REDACTED] this summer and that I saw no reason why he could not be put in a WAE status. (After the meeting I telephoned Emmett Echols and asked him to get together with Sherm today to work out a satisfactory arrangement for [REDACTED] summer duties.)

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b. Mr. Kirkpatrick questioned Larry Houston's memorandum on suggested changes in legislation because he thought our Congressional committees would object to any implication that we plan to adopt Foreign Service regulations. A brief discussion ensued which resulted in Dick Helms' requesting that Kirk and Larry get together and sort out this problem.

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d. Mr. Kirkpatrick called attention to Office of Training Bulletin No. 13-65, which announces that the PERT film will be shown in the auditorium on 9 and 11 June.

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e. Dick Helms announced that [REDACTED] died yesterday. He said that he understood [REDACTED] had had an operation about six months ago. He queried whether he had had the best possible medical care and specifically wondered where the operation had been performed. (I asked Dr. Tietjen to look into this and to make a factual report to Dick and me.)

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f. [REDACTED] announced that Congressman Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has introduced an amendment to exempt from taxation the disability payments received under the CIA Retirement Act.

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3. [REDACTED] who is going to [REDACTED] to become the Logistics Officer, was in to say good-by. He was very enthusiastic about this assignment and anticipated that he would probably retire after this tour.

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4. [REDACTED] was up to discuss with me the progress which has been made on the nepotism study. Briefly, 749 employees have 774 relatives on the payroll. Such employees in grades GS-15 through GS-18 were identified by name. We agreed to divide the 749 employees into categories from which we could draw some general conclusions which I might discuss with Dick Helms before proceeding with a more detailed study if this should be necessary. I was concerned about only two cases in the grades GS-15 through GS-18 listing. Both were husband-and-wife teams in the Offices of National Estimates and Current Intelligence.

5. Joe Becker telephoned to commend [REDACTED] for his recent work as a member of the Automatic Data Processing Committee. He said that, particularly during the last few days, Bob did some outstanding drafting which had "cut through the fog" and that his work had indeed been most helpful and commendable.

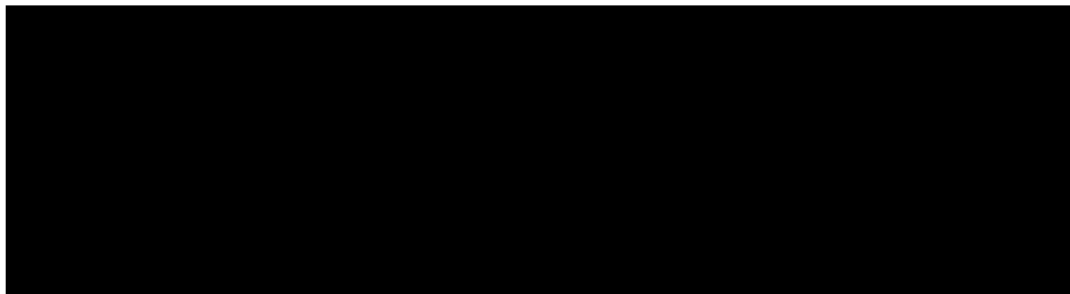
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6. Bob Bannerman and I lunched with [REDACTED]

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b. I was impressed with Mike's statements about his difficulty in getting personnel for RID.

(I asked Emmett Echols to have someone take a good, hard look at this problem in addition to re-evaluating [redacted] position.)

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7. I reminded [redacted] that we have not yet received Mr. McCone's farewell letter to all employees. Walt told me that he had drafted the letter and plans to check it out with Mr. McCone this afternoon.

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8. [redacted] met and discussed his problem with [redacted] and later with me. Earl definitely would like to return to [redacted] for another tour but indicated that he would certainly abide by my wishes cheerfully. I was candid in telling him that problems of the kind he apparently has do indeed concern me and that I feel uncomfortable having someone overseas in such an important and key position as his with this kind of problem. However, I said that it was too early to judge the problem without further medical advice. [redacted] will see [redacted] tomorrow morning. I told Earl that I was not disposed at this time to alter his plans for home leave, although I made it clear that this situation could change.

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