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12. (Unclassified - DFM) Took a call from Timothy Leeth, Staff Assistant to Representative J. Edward Roush (D., Ind.). Leeth had read in the July 12th Washington Post that CIA estimates of Soviet grain production differed substantially from the estimates of the Department of Agriculture. Leeth inquired about our methodology and techniques in estimating grain production. I said I would inquire and get back to him as soon as possible. have been notified.

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13. (Internal Use Only - DFM) Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, regarding the proposed amendments of Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.) restricting the use of unvouchered funds. McConnell had alerted us to this problem earlier this month. I inquired whether Senator Schweiker has pressed this matter, and he said that four appropriations have been marked up thus far by the Committee and Schweiker has not offered his amendment to any of them. He said the Defense appropriations bill would be before the Committee in September. I told him we had one problem with the language of his amendment and he suggested we prepare an informal paper for the Committee's use setting forth our problem. I said we would prepare such a paper.

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15. (Unclassified - RC) Roy Greenaway, staff of Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), called to request information on how one of the Senator's constituents could leave by air from Luanda, Angola. Later the same afternoon, I called the office back and advised them that the constituent could leave by Air Zaire from Luanda to Kinshasa or take an internal Angolian airlines flight (TAAG) to Nova. Lisboa and then hook up to other flights going to Lusaka, Zambia. Apparently, Senator Cranston's office was told by the Department of State that there was a six-month wait for international flights leaving Angola. This is true in terms of major airlines going direct to Europe but is not true of airlines going to other African capitals or other internal airlines leaving from there. There were freighters in the Luanda harbor which the constituent could hop a ride on in an emergency.

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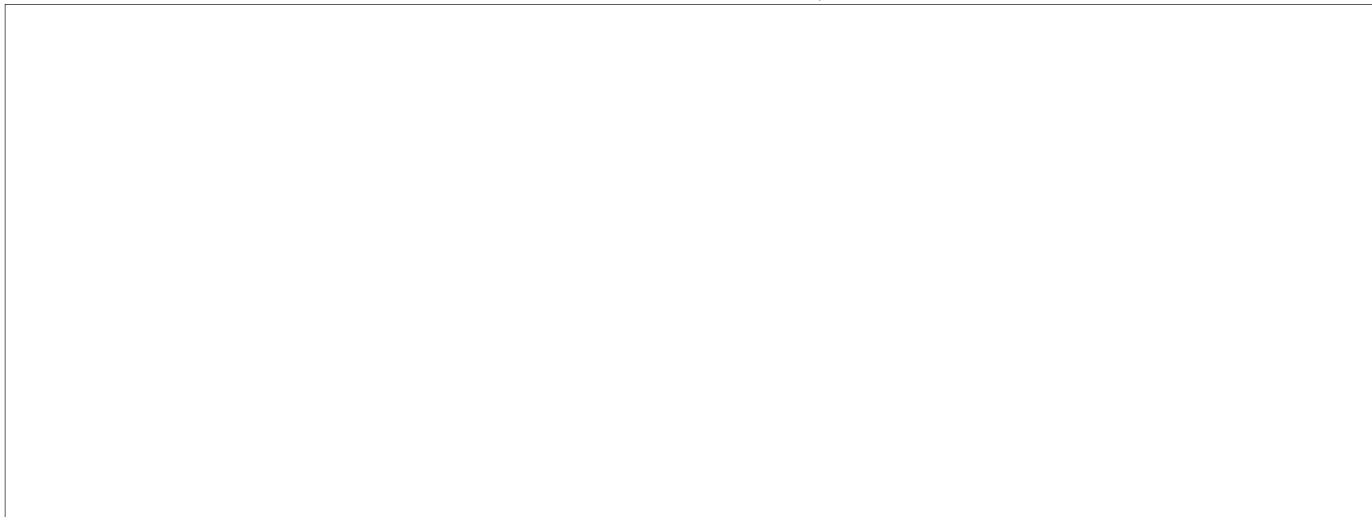
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25. (Unclassified - JMD) Talked with Sally Shelton, Legislative Aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), and told her Mr. Cary and Mr. Hepworth would brief the Senator at 3:00 p. m. on Portugal. I asked if anyone else was going to sit in and she said only the Senator would be present.



28. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Michael Oppenheimer, of GAO, by way of follow-up to his telephone call to Bill Christison the other day on GAO's investigation of the Mayaguez incident. I told him that we had been in touch with the NSC staff which is trying to focus on this matter on a Government-wide basis since DOD and State agencies and NSC were all involved. I told him as soon as I received some guidance from the NSC staff, I would be in touch with him. I mentioned in the course of our conversation that under normal circumstances we would respond directly to congressional committees on a matter of this sort, but in view of the involvement of the NSC and the others, we would await the White House's guidance.

29. (Unclassified - JMD) Elly Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and asked if the briefing scheduled for Friday at 10:00 a. m. could be changed to 11:30. After checking with the Director's office, I confirmed 11:30.

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30. (Confidential - GLC) During the course of the day I talked with Les Janka, on the NSC staff, to see if I could get further information about the following: handling of the GAO inquiry on the Mayaguez -- this is still up in the air but I mentioned that we were doing a post-mortem on this which might be of some help; the Allen Dulles testimony of 1960 which is on General Brent Scowcroft's, Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs at the White House, desk for clearance -- Janka said he would do what he could on this; and the briefing of the House Armed Services Committee on the intelligence stake in Turkey -- I told him that the Director had been standing by at the House Armed Services Committee to brief that group for over 45 minutes and we were still hopeful that the briefing would take place (as it turned out the Committee was unable to complete its open session on three pieces of legislation and arrangements were made for General Walters to come back tomorrow at 2:30).

31. (Secret - GLC) In a conversation with Ralph Preston, staff of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I advised him of the Chairman's discussion with the Director regarding the possible Subcommittee action to terminate the [] program. I said we had recently "scrubbed this down" and would be happy to provide any information on this subject which the Subcommittee might desire. Preston suggested that when it became a little clearer as to just what the Subcommittee proposed to do, that he and the Chairman get together with the Director and myself along with our project officer to discuss the matter further. I told him we would be happy to do this and would await his call. 25X1

32. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with Ed Braswell and Clark McFadden, both of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to bring them up to date on several items including the Director's final decision on the letter to Representative Jack Brooks (D., Tex.) on his request for a copy of the 1973 IG report and several other items. I also mentioned that we were installing an FBIS ticker in the Library of Congress so they could handle congressional inquiries on FBIS matters. Braswell seemed to think that this was a good idea. I also took up with Braswell the matter of Senator Lloyd Bentsen's (D., Tex.) attribution of information we had given his staff from press sources on Soviet financial support to Portugal with the admonition that it not be attributed to the Agency. Braswell agreed with my assessment that Bentsen did not deliberately divulge information contrary to our agreement and also agreed that we should respond to the Senator's request for a briefing on Portugal.

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33. (Confidential - GLC) Bob Hepworth and I met with Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.) in response to his request for a briefing on Portugal. I confronted the Senator with his disclosure of information on Portugal which we had given to Sally Shelton, of his staff, as press information not to be attributed to the Agency. The Senator was obviously upset that through some mistake he had acted contrary to the Agency's ground rules in this matter and offered to confront Miss Shelton on this in our presence. (See Memo for the Record).

34. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Ashworth, staff of Senate Foreign Relations, in response to his request and he asked if we could give Senator Stuart Symington's (D., Mo.) Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Organizations and Security Agreements, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a briefing on Tuesday, the 29th of July covering nuclear weapons developments in the 29 nations who are parties to the international agreement for cooperation. He said that Symington has gone to the IAEA on this matter and plans to hold hearings next Tuesday which will include in addition to the Agency witness, Messrs. Freedman of ERDA, Kratzer of State and George Vest, Director of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State. He said the Senator would want our witness (presumably Carl Duckett) to discuss the steps which each nation has taken (or has not taken) in the development of nuclear weapons. He said he would also want us to cover those countries who we thought would join the "nuclear club" whether or not they were parties to the international agreement. He specifically mentioned [redacted] [redacted]. He also cautioned against our invoking the safeguard provisions since, as he put it, Senator Symington can effectively dispel this argument. I told him I would be back to him on this tomorrow.

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35. (Unclassified - WPB) Called Bob Carlstrom, OMB, to alert him to our reports on H.R. 61 and S. 1428 (criminal justice information) and to ask him to expedite their clearance. I pointed out that they were virtually identical to the report the Agency submitted earlier on the Justice Department draft bill on criminal justice information. He said he would do his best.

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