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9. (Unclassified - GLC) Paul Ahern, in the office of Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.), called to say that the Representative was interested in any examples we could give him of actions (which are now in the public domain) which were taken by the Agency in the past with the full knowledge of the President. He said Mr. McClory is interested in having this information to react to any allegations on the floor of the House today that the Agency is a free wheeling organization that conducts its activities without Presidential direction or supervision. We reviewed a number of items, including the development of the U-2, the Agency's role in the war in Laos, the action taken at the Bay of Pigs (I suggested he discuss the important role that the Agency took during the Cuban Missile Crisis) the Agency's technological accomplishments in intelligence collection. I also gave him a quotation from Vice President Rockefeller's TV appearance yesterday in which he said it was "fair to say that no major undertakings by the CIA were done without either knowledge and/or approval of the White House."

10. (Unclassified - GLC) Jack Maury, DOD (Legislative Affairs), called me at home yesterday to talk over the ~~Rocketeering Commission~~ Report. Maury said he was preparing some material for Mr. Schlesinger and wanted to compare notes with us. He also talked to [redacted] on Sunday and with me again this morning on this subject.

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11. (Internal Use Only - GLC) Called Chuck Snodgrass, House Appropriations Committee staff, to discuss further his request of Friday that we prepare some alternative appropriations language for an open Agency budget. I told him that as he knew we were opposed to any such provision and wanted to be absolutely certain that the Committee understood that in acceding to his request we were not in any way supporting an open budget. Snodgrass said he would make this point clear and jokingly said he would inform the Committee that the Agency provided this language "under extreme duress." We are to see Snodgrass on Thursday to discuss activities of the Senate Select Committee and he hopes that this language can be ready at that time so that we can discuss the matter further.

12. (Unclassified - GLC) By way of follow up to his conversation with [redacted] the other day, I called Tom Smeeton, on the staff of Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.), to arrange to meet with him to talk about legislation which he is drafting for a joint committee on intelligence. He said he would have rough copies of the legislation tomorrow and suggested that we get together tomorrow afternoon to discuss this.

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25X1 17. [] LLM) Accompanied [] OCI, 25X1
to a briefing of Senator Dick Clark, (D., Iowa) and John Ritch, staff
member of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on Portugal. Ritch
who had recently visited Portugal posed some hostile rhetorical
questions, which were effectively rebutted by [] 25X1

25X1 18. [] LLM) Austin Smith, Defense Subcommittee, 25X1
House Appropriations Committee staff, called in connection with the
upcoming publication of testimony, including that of []
NIO/SEA on the Mayaguez incident. We have already provided our
corrections, security deletions, and recommendations through
Graydon Lose, DOD.

25X1 19. [] WPB) David Bushong, Office of Legislative 25X1
Affairs, Department of Justice, called to share with me some intelligence he
has obtained on S. 495, the "Watergate Reorganization and Reform Pact."
He said that he had some indications that the sponsors of S. 495 may be
disposed to back down on the sweeping provisions in Title I of that bill and are
considering an amendment in the nature of a substitute. He asked that I keep
my eyes and ears open and share with him anything I was able to learn from
the Hill on S. 495 and its prospects.

25X1 20. [] WPB) Received a call from Werner Brandt 25X1
on the personal staff of Representative Thomas Foley (D., Wash.). Rep-
resentative Foley is Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.
Brandt said that the Chairman thought that it would be a good idea if the
members of the committee and several of the staff could be given an overview
of the international sugar problem by the Agencies "economic people."
Specifically the committee is interested in USSR beets, Eastern Europe
beets, Cuban sugar production, and the dealings of major foreign sugar firms.
He was interested in setting this up, if possible, around July 10 or 11. He
asked about the possibility of an unclassified paper on the international sugar
problem to supplement any oral presentation. I told Brandt that I would get back
to him on his request.

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25X1 6. [] GLC) Dick Kaufman, General Counsel, Joint Economic Committee, called and asked if the Director's 18 June briefing of the Committee could be held at 2:00 p. m. instead of 10:00. He also said they would like, by the end of this week, the responses to the questions they posed in a letter to us so they can prepare questions for the briefing. After checking with the Director's office, Mr. Kaufman was advised 2:00 p. m. on the 18th would be fine.

25X1 7. [] GLC) I talked with [] and asked how the session went out here yesterday. I told him I was sorry that I was not able to attend. [] said they had an opportunity to get through a lot of information. I asked him if Field felt he had seen what he came for and [] said he thought he had. 25X1

25X1 8. [] LLM) Bob Monahan, ~~Defense Department~~, called on the status of the Agency's security review of the Gates transcripts of testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the U-2 and the Summit meeting. He said State had already returned their transcripts to Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and he felt he would soon be getting some heat from Holt. In response to my query, Monahan said Holt had informed Defense people that they did not intend to mislead various Federal agencies by Holt's follow-up letter to them.

25X1 9. [] LLM) Called Mike Reed, in the office of the Speaker of the House, and said we were once again getting very firm indications that the Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail and Labor Management, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, desires to have either Mr. Colby or another Agency witness testify on the mail survey program. I reminded him we had called his attention to this previously against the possibility that the Speaker may be able to be a restraining influence on the various committees wanting a piece of the action, that we wanted him to know of this latter development especially in light of Messrs. Cary and [] scheduled meeting with the Speaker 25X1 tomorrow. I told him we would appreciate any advice or support Reed could give us. He was quite pessimistic as to whether anything constructive could be done in light of the current atomospherics surrounding the House Select Committee.

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11. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with Jim Pyrros, Administrative Assistant to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), in line with our conversation earlier in the day and provided him copies of the confidential contributions to "Intelligence Studies" by [redacted] and Mr. Nedzi on congressional oversight, etc. Pyrros wanted these against the possibility for use in rejecting challenges to the effectiveness of Nedzi's oversight of CIA. I said there were some obvious excerpts and particularly from the last two pages of [redacted] paper dealing with Nedzi oversight, which could be used but that there is other information therein which should not be used publicly, and Pyrros agreed. Pyrros said that Nedzi this morning had announced that he would not resign from the House Select Committee, and that the Speaker had indicated publicly that there was no reason for Nedzi to resign from the chairmanship of the Select Committee.

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12. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and refreshed his memory on a sensitive area. He agreed that the use of the information would be consistent with Chairman John Sparkman's (D., Ala.) instructions. This is a follow-up to Senator Dick Clark's (D., Iowa) visit to the Agency last Thursday. Holt could not give me any assurances that in the proper security environment Senator Clark would not ask Administration spokesmen to explain the underlying policy, even though I indicated that I thought this was getting into a privileged area since the decisions were made by the President and I thought it inappropriate for a subordinate of the President to comment on what recommendations or advice the President had received from him or his agency or department.

13. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Left with Brady Williamson, Legislative Assistant in the office of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) information in response to the Senator's query concerning Rhodesian chrome.

14. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Julie Marshall in the office of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) asked if we could look into the chances for a briefing of the Senator on Korea. She showed me a note from the Senator to her indicating that Mr. Colby had said that an Agency reassessment of this topic would be ready sometime in June. [redacted] has been advised.

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15. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.) to review with him certain Agency documents in follow-up of his expressed concern relating to the appropriateness of certain Agency activities. The material was left with him.

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25X1 6. [redacted] DFM) Received a call from Louise Greenfield on the staff of the Joint Economic Committee requesting a copy of a recent CIA publication, "The Soviet Economy: 1974 Results and 1975 Prospects." I told her there would be no problem getting a copy to the Committee and that I would deliver it within the next week.

25X1 7. [redacted] LLM) Yvonne Baicich, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, called to request copies of Mr. Schlesinger's report on theater nuclear weapons and I told her to call the Department of Defense.

25X1 8. [redacted] LLM) Mary Eby, in the office of Senator Robert Byrd (D., W. Va.), called concerning a letter from a constituent by the name of [redacted] a former Agency employee in Laos, [redacted] Based upon my discussion with [redacted] Eby agreed with me that the Agency had no further responsibilities with respect to [redacted] child in Laos and I said I would check what advice was given to [redacted] at the time of his resignation on unemployment compensation and let her know the results.

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25X1 9. [redacted] - LLM) Called Fred Smith, in the office of Representative Larry McDonald (D., Georgia), concerning the TASS item. (See Journal item #5, 3 June 1975.) Smith said they did not intend to associate the Agency with the FBIS item, but they do intend to send the corrected item to the 100 co-signers of Mr. McDonald's letter concerning restrictions on aid to Chile.

25X1 10. [redacted] - LLM) Prissy, in the office of Representative Torbert Macdonald (D., Mass.), called and asked us for a letter confirming that the FBIS TASS item was not published in our Daily Reports.

Later, I advised her that TASS had made the correction she had asked for and I said we would send her a letter and a copy of the corrected item.

25X1 11. [redacted] Called Richard Perle, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, and provided him the unit cost on the BACKFIRE.

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11. [redacted] (PLC) Together with [redacted] of this office met with Paul Summitt, Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, and discussed pending legislation on electronic surveillance. See [redacted] memorandum for the record.

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12. [redacted] (PLC) Delivered to the personal secretary of Representative Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., (R., Calif.) the first page of "Sam Adams" papers which were reviewed and declassified.

13. [redacted] (PLC) Called Jenny Hatfield, in the office of Representative Thomas M. Rees (D., Calif.), in response to her query as to the status of the FOI request of their constituent, Aris Anagnos. I told Ms. Hatfield that Anagnos had appealed the decisions of the FOI Coordinator and his case was now on appeal before the Information Review Committee. She asked that a written letter to this effect be submitted.

14. [redacted] - DFM) Received a call from Mrs. Stevens at the Embassy of Iran. She had read in the June 1st New York Times of a CIA publication entitled "The Soviet Economy: 1974 Results and 1975 Prospects," and wanted to know if the Agency would send a copy to the Embassy. I pleaded ignorance of the document in question and promised to let her know if it was generally available. After checking with Mr. Thuermer, I informed Mrs. Stevens that the document was available through the Library of Congress DOCEX program, and that this would probably be the fastest way to get the report. Mrs. Stevens seemed satisfied to obtain the document from the Library. I subsequently notified [redacted] of Mrs. Stevens' interest.

15. [redacted] (GLC) Received a call from Jack Maury who said that ~~Secretary James B. Schlesinger~~ may go before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the 9th or 10th of June on Diego Garcia. He was interested in the Agency's testimony on Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean before the House Foreign Affairs, Investigations Subcommittee earlier in the year. I said we could not, under the ground rules, give him a copy of the transcript, but that I would have [redacted] who attended that briefing, call and give him the flavor of the testimony.

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