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8. (Secret - LLM) LIAISON Spoke several times during the day with Frank Slatinshek and Bill Hogan, Chief Counsel and Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and then later in the afternoon while on the Hill, Hogan advised that Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) had agreed 99 percent with the proposed sale of the residual assets of Air America but was reserving the one percent until he had in hand GAO's written report. Chairman Nedzi gave us the go ahead to explain the matter to Chairman Jack Brooks, House Government Operations Committee. An appointment was set for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 3 November with the Chairman.

9. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LEGISLATION Called Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, regarding the McGovern amendment, #959 to H.R. 9005, and said that it would appear to be in the best interest of the United States as a whole that the McGovern amendment not be pushed and he agreed that it would not hurt to see Senator McGovern on this either directly or raise this point with him indirectly with another Senator. Although there is nothing to stop a member of Congress from introducing such proposals, I argued the fact that these things are reported to six committees of Congress and assures a fairly broad cross section and that every effort should be made to channel reactions privately back to the Executive Branch rather than publicly in amendments such as this.

10. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Spoke with Benson Buffham, DD/NSA, and provided some suggestions with respect to dealing with a particular Subcommittee.

11. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Alan Romberg, in the office of Representative David Obey (D., Wis.), called concerning the request for the Middle East briefing for Representative Obey and several other Congressmen and asked that there be included in it some assessment of the Israeli political situation and the dynamics of the pressure on it as a result of congressional action on the Foreign Assistance bill, e.g., if the total amount recommended by the Administration was not approved, etc.

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5. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called in connection with the stories in the paper today that the 40 Committee had had no meetings during the period 1972 through 1974 and said he had been instructed to find out the facts. I said that I believe that the lack of meetings is essentially correct but that the real point is whether the actions were coordinated, and they were, through papers, phone calls, and supporting staff procedures. McConnell said that they would like to have a letter from the Director on this. Mr. Cary will follow-up.

6. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LEGISLATION Sheridan Brinley, AID, called acknowledging receipt of the points paper we had sent to him last night for use in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee backup book in connection with the McGovern amendment, #959 to H. R. 9005. He indicated he would use a great majority of it except for the separation of powers argument. I said I could appreciate the political expediency in doing this but as a matter of principle it is the soundest and strongest argument.

7. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called prior to our session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today to ask if we would be bringing with us the reports prepared by [redacted] as a result of his periodic review of the Warren Commission material in the possession of the Archives. After checking with [redacted] C/Services Staff, I informed Ingram that there were no reports but rather letters to the Archivist and we had authorized the Archivist to send two of those letters to the Subcommittee.

Later, in the company of [redacted] met with Ingram, Bill Florence, of the Subcommittee staff, and Donovan Gay, of the Library of Congress, to discuss the guidelines used by the Agency in connection with the declassification of information, particularly the Warren Commission information. The session went very well and Ingram said he would send us a letter covering the follow-ups from the session. Mr. Florence seemed to be primarily interested in the mechanism and laws relating to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Donovan, who apparently has reviewed much of the Warren Commission holdings in the Archives, was basically interested in whether we would use the national security "excuse" for non-declassification. Mr. Ingram seemed to be interested in assuring that the material we were reviewing for declassification included material which may have developed subsequent to the Warren Commission investigation and especially any material provided the Rockefeller Commission. Ingram maintains that there were four not three periodic reviews and reports to the Archives. [redacted] will check to see if there was a letter to the Archives in 1970.

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10. (Confidential - LLM) BRIEFING Jerome Levinson, Counsel, Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called to set up a briefing with [redacted] OER, on the

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explaining that this was a suggestion of [redacted] of NSA, whom Levinson had recently met with on this same subject. Levinson said he would like Karin Lissakers, of the Subcommittee staff, to accompany him. I told Levinson we would check into this and be back in touch.

[redacted] OCI, was advised.

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11. (Confidential - LLM) BRIEFING Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called and said the Committee would like to receive a briefing from the Agency and the Department of State on Africa on Wednesday, 29 October at 10:00. Holt said that this would not be a joint CIA/State briefing. Holt felt that the briefing would last only an hour. I confirmed with Holt that the Committee was basically interested in Southern Africa but that it is possible that some of the senators might ask questions about Northern Africa, such as Morocco and Spanish Sahara.

12. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Talked to Jim Wilson, Technical Consultant, House Science and Technology Committee, explaining that we had not been in touch with the Committee for some time because of the press of other business but that we had not forgotten them. Wilson thanked me for the consideration and asked us to review our holdings to determine if we might have something of interest to report to the Subcommittee on Space Science & Applications chaired by Representative Don Fuqua (D., Fla.).

13. (Confidential - GLC) LIAISON Called Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and raised with him the problem of the Select Committees asking for our memoranda for the record or transcripts of committee briefings. He agreed that we could provide the prepared statements of the Director but not the transcripts or the memoranda.

14. (Unclassified - WPB) LEGISLATION Bob Carlstrom, OMB, called to say that OMB would clear our report on S. 2170, the Congressional Right to Information Act, provided that a few changes were made. I told him I thought the changes were unnecessary and that I would call him back tomorrow.

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STAT 15. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called referring to their oversight of the National Archives and wanted to arrange an interview with [] of the Agency, to determine what guidelines he had used in his periodic review of the Agency's contribution to the Warren Commission holdings which were conducted in 1965, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972 and 1973. Ingram is aware that we are currently reviewing this material again and said the Archivist had informed them that he was referring their request to CIA for their consideration on the CIA material involved. Ingram was not clear on whether he was only interested in the guidelines followed or if he will be interested in some of the substantive information in those records. I said if it was the latter, we would most likely run into the same problem of intelligence sources and methods that we had earlier experienced. He said he would limit himself to the guidelines for now. John McMahan, ADDA, has been advised.

STAT 16. (Unclassified - LLM) LEGISLATION Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to express his concern that providing for CIA doctors in the Senate version of the House passed legislation designed to provide personal immunity for Title 10 doctors while performing their official duties, might hamper the ultimate approval of the legislation. I explained this was not our intent but we had a problem and this seemed to be a suitable legislative vehicle and I asked [] to join in the conversation to review our progress in the Senate side up to now. Learning that only [] doctors were involved, Hogan said he would check with the House Judiciary Committee to see if they would have any objection to the add on for Agency doctors, explaining that he had cleared the proposal earlier with that Committee in order to get it through on the consent calendar.

STAT 17. (Unclassified - BAA) LIAISON Yesterday, called Bette Starkey, Appointment Secretary to Representative Paul Rogers (D., Fla.), to set up an appointment for Messrs. Theodore Shackley, C/EA, and [] [] with the Congressman to discuss a sensitive matter. A tentative appointment was set for Thursday, 30 October at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Starkey will call me if there is a conflict.

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5. (Confidential - LLM) LIAISON [redacted] DDS&T/SPS, called to alert us that Representative John Murphy (D., N.Y.) and Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) had written the Secretary of Interior concerning the Glomar Explorer and to Chairman John McClellan, Senate Appropriations Committee, urging that funds be provided to maintain the program on a temporary basis until Interior is in a position to fund it.

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6. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Called Howard Feldman, Chief Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, concerning the inquiry on [redacted] and told him that there was no record substantiating [redacted] claim that he is a mercenary. Feldman said he would like to have a letter to this effect which I said we would supply but only on the basis that it would not become part of the public record and he agreed to that condition.

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7. (Unclassified - LLM) AGENCY VISIT Representative Samuel Stratton (D., N.Y.) visited Headquarters to address the Latin American Division chiefs of stations conference from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. which went very well.

Earlier, he breakfasted with the Director and Messrs. Nelson, [redacted] Carver, [redacted] Cary and [redacted]

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8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), called and said that Edgar Weinberg, Assistant to the Executive Director of the National Commission on Productivity, was interested in productivity trends in Eastern Europe and wanted to know how he could plug into CIA on this subject. [redacted] OCI, will handle this with Weinberg.

9. (Internal Use Only - LLM) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING In connection with the briefing of the Special Subcommittee on Investigations, House International Relations Committee, tomorrow, called Mike Van Dusen, Consultant on the Subcommittee, and obtained from him a commitment that only Committee staff personnel would attend the session and that he would control access into the hearing room and the off the record classified nature of the briefing will be stressed.

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