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STAT 5. (Unclassified - WPB) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING After consulting with [redacted] (OER), I stopped by Representative J. Edward Roush's (D., Ind.) office to discuss with Timothy Leeth, Staff Assistant, the Agency methodology in forecasting Soviet grain yields. I outlined for him the various sources of information the Agency uses in forecasting, stressing that the Department of Agriculture has access to everything the Agency does. I told him that weather data was the most important information used in forecasting and that this was supplemented by other kinds of intelligence such as press reports, attache reports, and ERTS. Leeth was primarily interested in the utility of ERTS as an intelligence tool. I told him that ERTS was useful, but was collateral to and not central to these forecasting exercises. He seemed satisfied at this very general exposition.

6. (Unclassified - DFM) LEGISLATION Received a call from Bill Jones, INR/State Department, regarding the Agency's letter to OMB on H. R. 1311. Jones suggested we solve our problems with the bill by requesting additional definitions rather than changing the text of the bill, as we had proposed in our letter. I told Jones we would consider his suggestion, and I would be back in touch next week.

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9. (Unclassified - PLC) LEGISLATION Ralph Malvik, OMB, called and inquired as to whether we had submitted an Inflationary Impact Statement with our revised proposal to amend CIARDS Act. I told him that we had submitted such a statement to OMB with our prior draft earlier this year. Malvik said no further statement will be necessary.

10. (Internal Use Only - PLC) CONSTITUENT Cathy Parham, secretary to Representative Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) called and said that she would be handling the request by Mr. Wilson for the Director to meet with a constituent, [redacted] I gave her the background of the case and she said she would call us back next week after she has discussed the matter with Mr. Wilson.

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11. (Unclassified - PLC) LIAISON After a discussion with [redacted] OS, I called Mark Jones, Personnel Officer, Federal Reserve Board, in response to his call of Monday inquiring as to whether the Black Muslims was included in a listing of organizations that we require applicants to review for possible affiliation. I explained that under a recent order for all Government agencies, no listing of organizations such as the "Attorney General's List" is to be used in the processing of persons for employment. Therefore, we have no such listing.

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9. [REDACTED] LIAISON Mrs. Josephine Weber, Staff Assistant, House International Relations Committee, called and said the Chairman wanted to know, immediately, if the Agency had "different area desks for Africa--is North Africa included in the South African desk?" After checking, I told her they were separated.

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10. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE John Lepley, Purchasing Clerk, House of Representatives, called to advise he had mistakenly received an invoice which belongs to CIA. I told him to send it to me and I would get it in the right hands. (This was sent to [REDACTED] Key Building upon receipt.)

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12. [REDACTED] CONSTITUENT. In response to her request, provided Margaret Keller, in the office of Representative Gilbert Gude (R., Md.), suggestions for responding to questions raised by a constituent concerning the Agency's budgetary and appropriations process.

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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON Les Janka, NSC, called and advised that the material we had sent him on the Mayaguez (Post Mortem and Situation Reports) were being sent to Dr. Kissinger. Janka was highly complimentary of the Post Mortem but felt it had more than may be necessary to respond to Chairman John Sparkman's (D., Ala.) letter. Dr. Kissinger and the Director will discuss this matter before the Director meets with Chairman Sparkman.

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7. (Internal Use Only - PLC) LIAISON/FOIA George C. Armstrong, Research Assistant to Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), called and asked for the telephone number of retired Agency employee, David Phillips. Armstrong said he wanted to discuss with Phillips a resolution supporting CIA which Representative Ashbrook is contemplating submitting to the American Legion Convention now being held in Minnesota. I gave him the telephone number of Phillips after checking with Angus Thuermer's office.

I told Armstrong that we hope within the next few days to get a reply to Representative Ashbrook's letter as to our problems in implementing Freedom of Information within the Agency. Armstrong said anytime this week or the next would be fine as they are also writing to other agencies and had not yet heard from all of them and also the Congressman is now out of town.

8. (Internal Use Only - PLC) CONSTITUENT Gordon H. Hayes, Staff Assistant to Representative John J. LaFalce (D., N.Y.), called to discuss a case of a constituent, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The letter dated 7 January 1975 had been mistakenly overlooked in their office. See Memorandum for the Record.

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9. (Internal Use Only - RJK) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES Delivered a package to Al Tarabochia, Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee staff, per arrangements made by [REDACTED]

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10. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Called John Seibert, Special Litigation Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. [REDACTED] OGC, gave me Mr. Seibert's name and encouraged me to call him. I explained to Seibert that we had received a congressional inquiry on behalf of a constituent for the names of all plaintiffs suing the Agency over our domestic activities. I asked Seibert if there would be any Justice Department position or objection to us providing the names. After checking with some colleagues, Seibert phoned back and encouraged us to release the names, explaining that they were a matter of public record.

11. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Called the congressional liaison office at the Energy Research and Development Administration. I spoke with Ray Marble who explained certain procedures regarding their association with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. These matters were of interest to the task force now developing the policy on Government Accounting Office audits of the Agency. Marble could not answer all my questions and referred me to George Murphy, Staff Director of the Joint Committee. I called Murphy later in the day and he was very helpful, on the same

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1. (Internal Use Only - RC) [redacted] OER, briefed Michael McLeod, Henry Casso, and Carl Rose on the staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee, on the Soviet grain situation. I advised them that the briefing should be treated as classified but should they need to use any of our discussion they could check with OLC. Two pertinent questions from them were whether the Agency got together with the Department of Agriculture on our grain estimates and the validity of the 200 million ton Soviet grain requirement. [redacted] fielded these questions very adroitly. The staff members were quite pleased and said they looked forward to further discussions in the future.

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2. (Unclassified - RC) Called Susan Holloway, Legislative Secretary to Senator Walter Mondale (D., Minn.), and explained that I didn't know what she wanted us to do with the constituent inquiry she had sent us since Senator Mondale was a member of the Senate Select Committee. She thought we should be answering the part on the National Park Service. I explained that this should be forwarded to the Department of the Interior. She said to simply send the material back to her attention.

3. (Unclassified - PLC) Met with Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, on the staff of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, and returned to him the study "Estudio Sobre Las Relaciones Entre El Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno Y El Movimiento Obrero" which related Communist influences in Puerto Rico. I explained that our people saw no significant foreign intelligence interest to warrant the Subcommittee's publication of the study in Spanish. I suggested that he should contact the FBI since it appeared to be more a matter of internal security.

Tarabochia said that the article by Jack Anderson in the 10 August issue of the Washington Post reporting Cuban Communist influences in Portugal was based on unclassified information which Tarabochia had given to Les Whitten, Anderson's reporter. The information came mostly from unclassified reports by the Coast Guard provided to the Committee. Tarabochia wanted to make it clear that he does not have a close relationship with Whitten, however, he felt that the story should be told and knew that Whitten would want to publish it.

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4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Tom Sullivan, in the office of Representative Sam Steiger (R., Ariz.), who also doubles as Minority staff of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, called to review the status of our response to the Subcommittee request for certain Agency documents relating to the [ ] case.

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5. (Unclassified - LLM) Tim Ingram, on the staff of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, called to review the status of our work on the material to be provided the Subcommittee. I told him that I thought it would be ready before Friday the 15th and that we were aware of the illness of Representative Bella Abzug's (D., N. Y.) mother and I would try to give him an alert beforehand if there is any reason I would feel her presence in Washington, D. C. is required to review our material. Ingram was appreciative of this consideration. Under the circumstances he thought it would not be necessary for [ ] OGC, to be available on the 15th. I told Ingram that we were also working on the follow-up requirements from other testimony before the Subcommittee and he would be provided that material as it was completed. Ingram said that if the material to be provided this week was classified, it could be provided to Nancy Wenzel, who possessed a security clearance.

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6. (Unclassified - DFM) Called Natalie Desmond, secretary to Mr. Brown at the Department of Transportation. I gave her several references to statements, hearings, and reports which would provide her the legislative history of the section of the National Security Act proscribing domestic activities.

7. (Unclassified - SDK) Called [ ] OMB, to alert him that our response on S. 244 would be delivered tomorrow.

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8. (Unclassified - RJK) Met with Betsy Kaugliak, on the staff of Representative Ralph S. Regula (R., Ohio), and gave her a copy of the National Basic Intelligence Fact Book per her request.

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STAT [redacted] 10. [redacted] Received a call from Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee, concerning a letter Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Texas) has received from the Assistant Attorney General requesting access to certain Committee documents. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

25X1 11. [redacted] The Director called to advise of a telephone conversation he had today with Joseph Sisco, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, State Department, regarding events which transpired during the testimony of Deputy Secretary Robert S. Ingersoll before a Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

25X1 12. [redacted] During the course of the afternoon, I again had several conversations with Howard Feldman, Chief Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee. The conversation began with Feldman advising me that Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) was putting out a press release today stating that there would be a significant shortfall in Soviet grain production this year and on the basis of new information he (Jackson) had received there were indications that the shortfall might double that of 1972. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

25X1 13. [redacted] Called Natalie Desmond, secretary to a Mr. Brown who is the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. Ms. Desmond had called [redacted] OGC, regarding the legislative history of the section in the National Security Act proscribing police, subpoena, and law enforcement powers of internal security functions, and [redacted] asked me if I would call Ms. Desmond. I gave her the numbers of the reports and hearings on the 1947 Act, but none of them touched upon the domestic activities section. I told her I would see what else we had and get back to her next week.

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7. [Redacted] Called Floyd Lupton, Administrative Assistant to Representative Walter Jones (D., N. Car.), and told him that in the absence of the Congressman [Redacted] of our office would be down to see him soon to provide him information for relay to Mr. Jones.

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(This concerns Mr. Jones' statement in the 3 August 1975 Daily Advance.) Neither our records nor those of OTR [Redacted] or DOD (Mr. Fryklund) indicate any prior briefing of Mr. Jones [Redacted]

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8. [Redacted] Terry Emerson, Legislative Assistant to Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), called to determine what public legal papers might exist concerning Section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974 and we discussed this subject generally. Emerson indicated he might be preparing a law review article in conjunction with the Senator on this issue.

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9. [Redacted] Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, called on behalf of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) to raise objections of their inability to obtain the Soviet grain figure from the Agency. He said Senator Percy had been told by a Chicago grain dealer that the Soviet crop was estimated to come in at about 170 million tons and he (Statler) has indications that the Agency has already arrived at a number. He understood there may be constraints on our reporting this information and wanted to know where these points were so he could apply pressure. Subsequently, I provided, on a confidential basis, the figure 165 as the Agency's estimate and not necessarily the Executive Branch position. He wanted to know if the Department of Agriculture agreed with our figure and I said I did not know. He also observed that a shortfall such as this had a number of significant implications.

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