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1. [Redacted] Called Tom Ernst, Legislative Assistant in the office of Representative James Symington (D., Mo.), concerning his 19 November request for translations. I told him we have the Pravda translation but are still looking for the Molodaya Gvardiya translation. I told him we would also forward for his information, a copy of the unclassified study by the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control, "World Opium Survey 1972." Ernst said that the Representative's office had been in touch with the DEA and State Department regarding the possibility of U. S. / Chinese cooperation in the drug field. He said DEA wants to pursue this possibility but the State Department was reluctant to do so. Ernst then asked whether we had any information on whether the Chinese were interested in cooperating with the U. S. on drug matters. After checking with [Redacted], OCI, I called Ernst back and said no we did not have any such information but we did know that the Chinese were dropping subtle hints that they might be willing to cooperate on the drug problem under the auspices of the United Nations. Ernst then asked whether our experts could render an opinion on whether cooperation with the Chinese would be advisable. To this question I demurred explaining our mission was one of gathering intelligence and assessing it and that his question was one of policy which this Agency does not address itself to. Ernst was satisfied with this response but then indicated that State Department had informed him that one of the problems with cooperating with the Chinese was that none of the Chinese diplomats presently stationed in Washington have any experience with the drug problem. Ernst wanted to know whether we could confirm this fact. I suggested that he contact the FBI on this matter. Ernst seemed satisfied with our response to his various questions.

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25X1 2. [redacted] Received a call from Ed Kenney, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said he and Senator Strom Thurmond had seen a copy of the map book we had provided the Committee staff and Kenney requested copies of the book for the Senator and himself. I told Kenney the supply was getting low but I would get him at least one copy.

25X1 3. [redacted] Attended a meeting of the Legislative Inter-departmental Group at the White House on the subject of Foreign Assistance legislation. See Memo for Record.

25X1 4. [redacted] Called Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to make sure he is focusing on the possibility that the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees will report out some form of the Hughes/Ryan amendments which could go to conference and come back to the Senate floor with specific language establishing jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees with respect to intelligence activities which might have an impact on foreign policy. I told McFadden that we were raising with the Department of Justice the constitutional and other issues which might be policy considerations for the Administration. McFadden acknowledged that this could be a problem and we agreed we would keep each other informed of any information we acquire on this situation.

25X1 25X1A 5. [redacted] By way of follow up to [redacted] conversation with Bill Anderson, in the office of Representative Clarence Long, regarding a briefing on the Persian Gulf situation, I told Anderson there were several points I wanted to discuss with him. The first was that we were unable to give the briefing on Monday morning since the briefers involved were committed to attendance at another hearing. I said we would be happy to give the briefing on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning or Tuesday afternoon. Anderson said Long had other commitments in the afternoon and would be leaving town Tuesday for the Thanksgiving recess. I said under the circumstances it would seem we would have to put this over until the following week. Anderson agreed and suggested I call Greg Rushford, of Long's staff, on Monday with a suggested date--some morning the first week in December. In view of this development, I didn't raise any other points with Anderson who seemed to want to get out of the middle on this.

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25X1 7. [redacted] [redacted] OGC, advised that he had contacted Bull Durham, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, on the question I had referred to OGC on the possible constitutional and policy issues for the Administration if some form of the Hughes/Ryan amendments are included in the Foreign Assistance Act. Durham's first reaction was he saw no problem on this but after further discussion with [redacted] decided to look at the matter more closely and be back in touch with him later. 25X1

25X1 8. [redacted] Bill Dixon, Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, called to determine if there had ever been a PFIAB briefing concerning CIA and Watergate. After checking with [redacted] IC Staff, advised Dixon that this had never been an Agency agenda item nor had there been any record of an Agency briefing on this subject. I suggested that he might want to check with [redacted], PFIAB staff. I alerted [redacted] to expect the call.

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25X1 9. [redacted] In the absence of Mr. Cary, had several conversations with Bill Anderson, in the office of Representative Clarence Long (D., Md.), and received the names of those of the five staff personnel in Long's office who hold Top Secret clearances in connection with the upcoming briefing for Long. My explanations covering the Israeli topic and the identity of Agency briefers were greeted with the sarcasm one has become to expect from this office but I made it clear that the selection of briefers was an Agency decision based upon the requirement which we understood to be Persian Gulf, not just Iran and that in view of the little time allotted, less than one hour, there is a question of how much can be accomplished and the number of individuals to be tied up in the process. The only time available for scheduling the session appears to be from 11:30 to 12:30, Monday, 25 November with Long working around possible quorum calls.

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10. [Redacted] Following several conversations with [Redacted] PFIAB staff, on Mr. Colby's 18 September 1974 letter to Governor Rockefeller, Robert Douglas, one of the Governor's aides at the House Judiciary Committee's hearings in progress, called and in response to his queries I reviewed with him the general contents of that letter, the fact that there had been a follow-up phone call from Mr. Colby and the other matters covered with Bill Dixon, Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, as reflected in his "notes" which have been available to certain members of the Committee.

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11. [Redacted] Called George Murphy, Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, in connection with the item from the French news magazine, Le Point, concerning smashing of Soviet spy networks seeking nuclear secrets and attributing this story to Interior Minister Poniatowski. I told Murphy there does not appear to be any foundation in fact to this story but that I wanted to check out some other information which I had not had time to digest.

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12. [Redacted] Talked to Bill Van Ness, Counsel, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, concerning the request from Senator Howard Metzenbaum's office regarding [Redacted], a President nominee for appointment to FEA. I told Van Ness that [Redacted] had never been employed by the Agency and preliminary checks indicated no employment by any organization funded by the Agency. We do not have [Redacted] employment background. I told Van Ness we will advise Senator Metzenbaum's office, in keeping with the Senator's request, and if any further information is desired it should be requested through the Committee staff so that the requests of all members can be handled in a single package. I told Van Ness later that Senator Metzenbaum's office was advised, and said they talked to [Redacted] today and [Redacted] indicated he had worked for an organization associated in some fashion with the Agency. The Senator's office will be contacting Van Ness on this matter. Van Ness appreciated the advance information.

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13. [Redacted] Met with Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who asked for informal guidance on a Committee briefing on the rash of press attention to Soviet violation of the SALT agreement. Ashworth himself does not feel there is too much merit in the press comment but the question is being raised by various Committee members. I told him I would check the matter and be back in touch with him early in the week.

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25X1 14. [redacted] Talked to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and filled him in on the various conversations with Representative Michael Harrington's staff man, Stewart Monshine, with regard to Agency briefings on Argentina. In Slatinshek's opinion Harrington's office should be given nothing more than unclassified information we would give any requester and any request for briefing should be referred back to the House Foreign Affairs Committee to be handled within the Committee context. Separately, I told Slatinshek that Bill Nelson, DDO, will handle the "operations" half of Monday's session with the Intelligence Subcommittee and will treat with Agency programs countering Soviet covert action. We will be briefing the Committee later on the overall subject of Soviet covert action.

I brought Slatinshek up-to-date on the meeting earlier in the week with Representative Hicks concerning Soviet CW.

I left with Slatinshek a set of the OCI world maps.

25X1 15. [redacted] I met with some sixty high school students, members of political science groups from Representative Hamilton Fish's district, together with their teachers and had an enjoyable fifty minutes with them. Although the questions were perceptive and a few hostile, they all seemed satisfied that the Agency is a real part of Government and that probably something should be done about unfair press criticism (their opinion).

25X1 16. [redacted] Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me he had been questioned by Tom Schillinghoff, House of Representatives Legislative Counsel office, who asked about 50 U.S.C. 403 j(b). Schillinghoff commented that in reading this section it appeared to conflict with language in subsection a. Slatinshek asked that we give him a short note on this item on Monday. John Warner has been advised.

25X1 17. [redacted] Gale Farrell, office of Representative Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), called on behalf of a constituent who operates an employment placement company which specializes in minority and EEO employment. The constituent understood that the Agency may have contracts with other similar companies and wanted to talk to someone to negotiate such an arrangement. I told her I would check and call her back.

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18. [REDACTED] Gary Sellers, Senator John L. McClellan's (D., Ark.) staff man on the Senate Government Operations Committee, called in response to my earlier call to him requesting the status of several matters before the Committee. Sellers advised that the Committee plans no action on pending legislation pressing the Administration for all Watergate material. He was unaware of any reaction by the President to the legislation. The Committee at this time does not plan to hold hearings on several bills, including S. 4019, a bill sponsored by Senators Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (R., Conn.) and Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R., Tenn.) to establish a joint committee to oversee CIA. He doubts that any hearings will be held this Congress.

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19. [REDACTED] Received a call from David Smith, Research Assistant, office of Representative Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Smith immediately began requesting on behalf of the Chairman a number of historical studies from the early 1950's dealing with the Hoover Commission and General Doolittle. Smith wanted to know as to each item whether it was classified; if so, was it still classified; if classified, are any declassification procedures underway; and finally, even if classified and no declassification procedures are underway, can the Committee have access to the documents. Upon checking with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I discovered a similar request had been made earlier to [REDACTED] by Mark Hanna of the Committee staff, and [REDACTED] was working on it. I called Smith back and informed him that we were working on the earlier request and we would be in touch with him as soon as we located the documents. Smith admitted he knew of the earlier request; he apparently thought that we were sitting on it and that his call would shake things loose. I reiterated that we were working on the request but had not yet found the documents, and as soon as we did we would be in contact. I assured Smith we were not sitting on the request.

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20. [REDACTED] Steve Stockman, on the staff of Representative George M. O'Brien (D., Ill.), called to ask a number of questions about the Agency. He asked for an Agency statement on Chile and I said we would send him a copy of the Director's statement before the Fund for Peace Conference. He then asked some questions about the relationship between the Agency and its oversight committees and any pending investigations of the Agency. I answered these questions to his satisfaction.

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21. [Redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators Walter F. Mondale (D., Minn.), Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), James L. Buckley (R., N.Y.), and Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) [Redacted] in which their names were mentioned.

22. [Redacted] Spoke with Steve Sklar, on the staff of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), and discussed a letter the Senator had received from former Staff Sergeant [Redacted] who claimed he was being harassed by the CIA. I told Sklar that [Redacted] had never been associated with the Agency in any way and that certainly we had never harassed him. In view of this Sklar said that no written response from us would be necessary.

23. [Redacted] Left a map of the Ukraine for Pat Rudy, on the staff of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wisc.), with his receptionist per Ms. Rudy's request.

24. [Redacted] Met with Jane Goforth, on the staff of Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), in response to an inquiry the Senator received from [Redacted] a high school senior in California who was requesting an Agency representative to speak to her Government class. Our suggested reply indicated that budget restrictions prevented this but we provided some material for class discussion. She said this would do very nicely.

25. [Redacted] Spoke with Verrick O. French, Administrative Assistant to Senator Howard O. Metzenbaum, (D., Ohio), concerning an earlier request by Dan Grady of the Senator's staff, as to whether [Redacted] a Presidential nominee for appointment to FEA, had ever been an employee of the Agency or of any organization funded by the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record and Item 12, 22 November 1974 Journal.

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