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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Mr. Robert C. Albroom, The Washington Post and Times Herald - NCPC Action Regarding Site for New CIA Building.

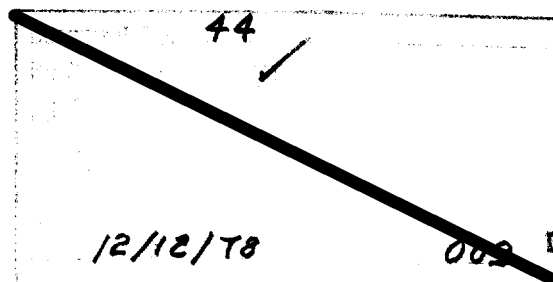
1. At about 5:15 p.m. on 2 February 1956 Mr. Robert C. Albroom of The Washington Post and Times Herald telephoned to say that inasmuch as he had been unable to reach Colonel Grogan he would like to know from us whether the Agency had any statement to make in connection with the NCPC action of earlier in the day which favored the location of the proposed new CIA headquarters building at Langley by a vote of 7 to 5.

2. I told Mr. Albroom that we had not received any official notification and that I felt that it would be inappropriate for us to make any comment at this time. He suggested that I accept my official notification from him; however, he did not persist and said that while he did not propose to quote us he wanted to know if we would need any further approval from the Congress before we could proceed. I told him that if Mr. Dulles made the decision to go to Langley we had full authorization and adequate appropriation to proceed without further action by the Congress. He then asked whether the President's budget message had provided for this appropriation and I told him that to the best of my recollection it had but that the specific bill containing a request for such an appropriation had not yet gone forward. With regard to the amount needed, I told him that including the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway the total appropriation necessary would be \$54.5 million, and that inasmuch as we had been appropriated only \$5.5 million we would need to request an additional \$49 million, \$43 million of this being for the building and \$6 million for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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