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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics
VIA : Acting Deputy Director/Support
SUBJECT : Dictograph Facilities

1. I wish to call to your attention that the intercom systems presently installed in this area never seem to work correctly. I cannot enumerate the number of times that these instruments have required repair in the little more than a year and a half that the Director's Office has been in the new building. It is quite a few, and, in addition to this, even when they are repaired the instruments do not work perfectly. For example, the other afternoon when I was trying to reach a member of my staff I could distinctly hear a conversation between the Acting DD/S and [redacted] -while faint, it was distinct enough that I could distinguish the voices. I consider this very poor equipment and strongly recommend that when we move to the new building, or earlier should an opportunity arise, we switch to the telephone system of intercommunication.

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2. Furthermore, on two occasions in this office the repairmen have submitted inaccurate charges for their time. In one instance when the time worked was approximately ten minutes, the repairman put on his bill 1½ hours time and asked the secretary to sign it. When challenged, he reduced it to an hour. On the other occasion a similar instance arose, although the repairman was not challenged on this because the secretary merely signed the bill when the work was completed and was not aware it indicated "hours worked" until after the repairman had left--in this case he had worked about an hour and fifty minutes but the agency was charged for three hours @ \$4.00 an hour. Apparently these men feel that they can get away with charging the U. S. Government anything and that few of the girls will notice or bother challenging them. I wish the Office of Logistics would look into this and insure that those individuals who are asked to sign these vouchers are aware of the fact that they should keep account of the time worked. It is my understanding that the Agency is required to pay the workmen for the time it takes coming to and going from the job, but believe in these instances it has been exorbitant.

3. This matter has been called to the attention of the Office of Logistics by telephone. If it happens again I intend to make a federal case of it.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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