

10 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A6a SUBJECT: Emergency Planning [REDACTED]

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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TIME : 10 a.m., 9 March 1953

PLACE : Room 225 Administration Building

1. We reviewed the Security Report and reached an agreement for solution or for tabling of all issues but one, that of the suggestion for a horse patrol. All present agreed that various considerations, including the lack of perimeter fencing, coverage of the power site, reservoir, springs, etc., argued for the necessity of a horse patrol. It was thought that two horses would do it.

a. In response to the item regarding improvement of badging procedures, investigation indicates that we will have to invest \$650 for equipment; all concerned feel this is very necessary.

b. The automatic warning system for the tower site is under engineering study by the Commo people.

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c. The local "gadgeteers" at [REDACTED] think they can solve the automatic lock for the elevator.

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e. [REDACTED] of Security commented that generally security conditions at [REDACTED] are very good. 25X1A9a

2. The items reported in the Safety and Fire Inspection Survey were covered. There are several items, some of considerable cost, which must be met.

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a. The most important and most expensive is the problem of sufficient water at [REDACTED]. There not only is the problem of water for fire protection, but, under full occupancy conditions in the middle of the summer, there may be need for water even for domestic use. My recommendation is that the Assistant Deputy Director (Administration) direct [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED], to conduct a full staff study and authorize them to employ, if necessary, a geologist or engineer specifically qualified for this problem.

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b. An exhaust fan must be installed in the operating room at the dispensary at a cost of \$95. The cost is this high because the motor must be explosion proof.

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c. Fire escapes from the top two floors of [REDACTED] are essential. They should be outside and constructed of metal at roughly \$700 apiece. This should be authorized.

d. Construction of an incinerator for the burning of trash and garbage should be immediately authorized. The minimum cost to take care of the present amount of trash and garbage would be approximately \$350. However, it should be constructed to meet capacity needs, which probably would run the price up to \$800. At the present time, trash and garbage are being burned at the edge of the property where the fire hazard is a real one. Open burning is never satisfactory.

e. Purchase of a rubber floor pad for insulation purposes in front of and around the main switch gear in the emergency generator house should be made immediately at cost of about \$80.

f. Four back packs for use in fighting brush fires should be purchased immediately at the approximate cost of \$33 each.

It should be noted that the preponderance of the safety problems [REDACTED] are related to fire. They are all important and should receive immediate attention.

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3. At the completion of the Security and Safety discussions, a second meeting was held to review the present state of emergency planning. Only [REDACTED] and myself were present. Generally, emergency planning for [REDACTED] can be summarized by saying that within the limitations of the definite planning provided by the Agency to date, [REDACTED] is ready for business. Many fundamental considerations which have been raised must await action on the substantive planning issue which is now getting started with a memorandum from the Deputy Director (Administration) to the other Deputies, Director of Training, and Assistant Director for Communications. There remain a few items which will be required under any circumstances, but which will require the expenditure of additional funds and under the general economy pattern these will be raised specifically at the Wednesday (11 March) meeting. Otherwise, I have recommended that [REDACTED] make no attempt to further revise, at least in any fundamental fashion, their emergency plan until the substantive determinations have been reached.

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