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- 1. [redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES Sent to Elliot Maxwell, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and Walt Sheridan, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research, Senate Committee on Human Resources, the unclassified 10th release of the BLUEBIRD/ARTICHOKE documents. 25X1
- 2. [redacted] LIAISON House Select Committee on Assassinations staffers visited Headquarters to review Agency material. 25X1
- 3. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Michael Goldsmith, Bob Genzman, Howard Leap, all of the House Select Committee on Assassinations staff conducting the Kennedy phase of the investigation, who raised several problems they are having with a number of requests. (See Memorandum to Don Gregg, SA/DO/O.) 25X1
- 4. [redacted] LEGISLATION Received a call from Bob Carlstrom, OMB, concerning my request for amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act proposed by the Department of Justice in November 1977. Mr. Carlstrom said he had no record of any such amendments and assumed the Justice letter referring to them was in error and actually meant September 1977 amendments. 25X1
- 5. [redacted] LIAISON Ms. Diane Williams, on the House Government Operations Committee staff, called to request a copy of the "Freedom of Information Act Annual Report to the Congress for the Year 1977" which was sent to Thomas O'Neill, Speaker of the House. After checking with [redacted] I informed Diane that I would send her a copy. 25X1
- 6. [redacted] HEARING Attended a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on the FY 1979 CIA budget. (See Memorandum for the Record.) 25X1

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7. [] LIAISON Steve Watson, an intern in the Office of the Speaker, Representative Thomas P. O'Neill (D., Mass.), called to request an unclassified briefing on Eurocommunism and U.S. relations with [] After checking with [] NFAC/CSS, I called Steve back and told him that any meaningful briefing on this subject would have to be classified or, if unclassified, would duplicate what he has already heard from the State Department. He understood and said that he had already run into the problem of getting the same information from different agencies. 25X1

8. [] LIAISON Alan Van Egmond, on the staff of Representative Don L. Bonker (D., Wash.), called to request some information for the Congressman in connection with a press conference he was planning to hold tomorrow on the U.S. policy in the Horn of Africa. He asked whether we could provide information on the effect that so many Cuban forces serving in Africa are having on the domestic situation in Cuba. After checking with [] NFAC/CSS, I called Van Egmond back and explained to him that an answer to his question would involve very highly classified and sensitive information. He accepted this and countered by saying that he would like a briefing on the Horn of Africa for the Congressman. I told him we would see what could be arranged and contacted NFAC/CSS to make tentative arrangements but, in Van Egmond's absence later in the afternoon, was advised by the Congressman's personal secretary that he would have no time for a briefing for the remainder of this week and she would call us on Tuesday, 14 March, to see whether a briefing could be arranged for him during that week. 25X1

9. [] LIAISON Sent by courier to Representative William R. Cotter (D., Conn.) a letter signed by the Director, dated today, regarding his inquiry requesting information on the first Prime Minister and last President of Latvia, Karlis Ulmanis (OLC 78-0564/a). 25X1

10. [] LIAISON Per his request, sent via courier to Curt Deane, in the office of Representative John McFall (D., Calif.), an unclassified bio sketch [] 25X1

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11. [] LIAISON Per his request, sent via 25X1
courier to William Richmond, in the office of Representative Frederick W.
Richmond (D., N. Y.), the following documents: "Directory of USSR Foreign
Trade Organizations and Officials," "USSR Ministry of Foreign Trade,"
"The USSR Leadership: Party and Government," "USSR Ministry of
Agriculture," "Soviet Economic Problems and Prospects," "World Steel
Market Continued Trouble Ahead," "Organization and Management in the
Soviet Economy: The Ceaseless Search for Panaceas," and "Soviet
Commercial Operations in the West." Mr. Richmond said that before the
Congressman's trip to China we had sent him various material on China and
he wanted the same materials on the USSR, if possible, for the purpose of
comparison of the USSR and China. Mr. Richmond also asked for material
on human rights and religious persecution; after checking with [] 25X1
[] NFAC/CSS, office, I told Mr. Richmond that we had nothing 25X1
on these subjects.
12. [] LIAISON Received a call from Diane 25X1
Williams, on the staff of the House Government Operations Committee,
requesting a copy of a letter from the Deputy Director for Administration,
transmitting a report on the Agency's activities under the FOIA during
the calendar year 1977, addressed to Thomas P. O'Neil, which was referred
to them. [] of our office, will follow up. 25X1
13. [] LIAISON Received a call from 25X1
Jeanne McNally, secretary to Tom Latimer, Staff Director, House
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, who wanted to confirm the
dates and times the Director would be briefing the Committee. I confirmed
the following appointments: 15 and 17 March, from 9:00 a. m. until 12:00
noon on both days.
14. [] CONSTITUENT Received a call from Diana, 25X1
in the office of Senator John Durkin (D., N.H.), who had a constituent request
for a tour of the CIA. I told her that the Director decided not to have public
tours of the Agency and gave her some of the reasons mentioned in the
Public Affairs release of 4 November 1977 on the subject.

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19. [redacted] LIAISON Mike Hershman, on the staff of the House International Relations Subcommittee on International Organizations, called in reference to his request for an Agency witness to appear in open session before the Subcommittee on 15, 16, 20, or 21 March. He said it was Chairman Donald M. Fraser's (D., Minn.) desire that CIA provide a witness to counter the testimony of a former FBI agent and he needed a response right away in order to plan for the hearing. He also indicated that if we could not get back to him with a response within the next day or so that Chairman Fraser would probably call Admiral Turner directly on the matter. I told him I would look to see where the matter stood and get back to him later in the ~~day~~ or the following day.

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1. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Pat Norton, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and informed him that the Agency had given the staff of the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, access to documents relating to NUMEC which had previously been provided to JCAE. Norton asked me to check on the story in the Washington Post on NUMEC which said that former President Johnson had ordered former Director Richard Helms to not disseminate information on NUMEC. Norton said he had met with Agency representatives on this case and had asked that specific question, and was told there was no high level instruction regarding limiting dissemination. Norton asked me to clear this up for him.

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2. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Bill Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Earl Eisenhower, of the Committee staff, and showed them the New York Magazine article entitled the "War of the Moles, Continued," and pointed out the reference to information provided by a "Senate source with access to intelligence oversight." Both Miller and Eisenhower were quite concerned at this reference and agreed to look into the matter.

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I informed them of a book recently published in France, Dossier E-- Comme Espionage, which is advertised as the definitive story on intelligence in France. [redacted]

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[redacted] Miller said he would like any damage assessments prepared on the book plus a translation if we have one. I also informed Miller and Eisenhower that the Agency moratorium on destruction of documents was still in effect and explained the rationale behind this.

3. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Susan Mahler, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, in an attempt to locate documents returned to the Agency about the middle of February. Using the information she provided, I did succeed in locating the documents.

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4. [] LIAISON Met with Jean Christoff and Mike Epstein, both of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and reviewed with them for accuracy my notes of their meeting with [] a former Agency employee. Epstein said the Senate Select Committee on Ethics will be interviewing [] and he has agreed to assist the Ethics Committee. Epstein said he had given [] O/SA/DO/O, additional references he needed to see and the names of people he wanted to meet with before the [] interview. 25X1
5. [] LIAISON Met with Ed Levine, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, who asked me whether any current Agency assets were involved in the Anatoliy Shchransky case. Levine said he did not believe there were but there was some confusion within the Committee on this. He also asked me for a report on the Time magazine article on the case, specifically, who had put out the story. He also said he would like a damage assessment if one was available. 25X1
6. [] LIAISON Met with John Elliff, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and obtained from him the Committee's draft report on S. 1566, electronic surveillance legislation. Elliff said he would like to meet with an Agency official regarding the turmoil the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are currently undergoing, and whether these troubles have any effect on U.S. security. In addition, he said Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), Committee Chairman, was personally concerned about the Edward J. Epstein story and had asked Elliff to find out about it. Elliff would like to meet with an Agency official to discuss the book. 25X1
7. [] LIAISON Met with Don Sanders, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, who delivered to me the report of the Subcommittee on Special Investigations on CIA activities [] Sanders said he had given us a copy of everything except the recommendations, and had withheld these only because he wants the Subcommittee to discuss them first. Sanders needs our comments on the report by 15 March as the Subcommittee will meet on it on 17 March. 25X1
- Sanders also reminded me that he needed the Agency's damage assessment on the recent leaks on Panama by COB tomorrow. Also, Sanders gave me a 2 March Washington Post article about declassification of a top [] and asked me if this was an intelligence site. 25X1

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8. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Stan Taylor, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, who brought me up to date on the Committee's inquiry into Intelligence Community capabilities against international terrorism. He said 20 March would be fine for a briefing by LA Division on their anti-terrorism activities. He said he had already asked NFAC for examples of terrorism reports and asked me to get similar material from the DDO.

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On another subject, Taylor said he had had an excellent meeting with [redacted] OWI, on Soviet ability to detect U.S. nuclear submarines. Taylor said he would be meeting with Senator Jake Garn (R., Utah) this week on the matter and that Garn might want to be briefed by [redacted] as well.

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9. [redacted] LIAISON Met with Hal Ford, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and informed him per the request of John Waller, IG, about the inaccuracy in a statement made by Frank Snapp on a recent media program, Firing Line. Waller's views are consistent with Ford's. We also discussed more generally the Committee investigation of the Snapp case and Ford informed me that he had already circulated the draft of his conclusions on the Snapp matter and thought they would be ready to send to the Agency in about two weeks. He did indicate that he had found no evidence to support two of Snapp's allegations, that the Saigon Station held up reporting on corruption in the ARVN, and that the Station had improperly held up a cable of Snapp's regarding plans for a North Vietnamese attack on Saigon.

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10. [redacted] LIAISON Received from Bernard Fortman, GPO printer who works with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, a copy of the Director's testimony before the Subcommittee on Secrecy and Disclosure on 1 March. Fortman said the hearings would be printed and requested our review of the transcript.

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12. [redacted] LIAISON Delivered to Dennis Phelan, on the staff of Senator Bob Packwood (R., Ore.), a 1975 DDI report on the [redacted]. I told Phelan we would be glad to provide the Senator a briefing if he needed anything further on this or related subjects.

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13. [redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERIES

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Delivered to Susan Mahler, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, Headquarters Instruction Sheets 1103 and 1090 for HR 22 and HR 1, respectively, a note forwarding FY-1979 NFIP Budget-Related quality of analysis initiatives, and a note forwarding correspondence between the Director and the Attorney General regarding reporting violations of federal law as required by 28 U.S.C. 535, all for Bill Miller, Committee Staff Director; a blind memorandum on Agency search into allegations of [redacted] and a copy of the original correspondence forwarded by Earl Eisenhower, of the Committee staff, for him; a letter from the Director regarding a request that Agency employees meet with Pat Norton, of the Committee staff, to discuss handling of espionage cases under present law and under S. 2525 for Senator Walter Huddleston (D., Ky.); a blind memorandum on ICBM force survivability and a blind memorandum on SS-20 Ballast question for Ed Levine, of the Committee staff; and personal notes taken by Mike Epstein and Jean Christoff, both of the Committee staff, addressed to Mike Epstein.

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