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2. I also discussed with the Director the request from the Joint Chiefs of Staff that he and Mr. Helms participate in the joint war games exercise in January as members of senior panels. The Director felt that this would require too much time and that he and Mr. Helms should not accept the invitation. (I so advised the War Plans Staff and asked them to inquire whether Ray Cline and Sherman Kent would be available and, if not, to seek their recommendations.)

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3. [REDACTED] was in for a courtesy visit. He advised me that he will return to Headquarters in April 1966 after being replaced by Walt Elder but that at the moment he does not know what his assignment will be.

4. I discussed our legislative program for next year with Dick Helms in very general terms. He agreed that we should not go forward at this time with Purple Heart legislation, relief from loss of sick and annual leave, or subsidization of selected college students. (I passed this along to Larry Houston and asked him to prepare a formal submission covering the remainder of the items which John Warner [REDACTED] [REDACTED] discussed with me yesterday.)

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5. John Clarke and I discussed with Dick Helms the allocation of the manpower authorizations which the Bureau of the Budget has approved for Fiscal Year 1966. He approved of our recommendations that we give the Directorates tentative allocations, seek their reactions, ascertain how they would use the personnel, and then come back to him with a final recommendation. Out of this grew a brief discussion of centralized versus decentralized manpower control, and Dick said that he would reach a final decision on this within the next few days.

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