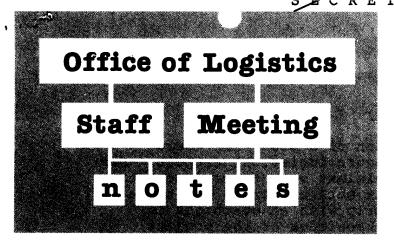
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Listed below are the topics that were discussed at the D/L staff meeting on 4 February. While they do not represent the totality of our discussions, they do represent the highlights. Your division or staff chief can provide you with additional details on those topics in which you are interested.

9 February 1987

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was presented the Special Achievement
Award based on his superlative performance as the day shift supervisor in the Prepress Branch, P&PD. His performance
encompassed the following three projects in addition to his
usual tasks: the Production Coordinator of the Congressional
Budget Justification Books (CBJB), the Digital Prepress MBO,
and the Systems Manager for the Composing Section.
sucessfully managed the CBJB project by meeting the
Congressional deadline with an understaffed crew and by using
less overtime than the previous year.
a Procurement Officer, was presented with
a Special Achievement Award for her creative efforts in
consolidating the Agency's Wang maintenance contracts. This
accomplishment resulted in an estimated savings of \$1 million
dollars. In addition to the dollar savings there is a sizable
reduction in paperwork; consolidating 130 existing Wang
maintenance contracts to two
This consolidation of contracts results in a
considerable Agency-wide savings as well as the reduction in (
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the Staff Architect for RECD, was the
recipient of a Special Achievement Award in recognition of his
contribution to Agency office space design and planning projects. He was responsible for the architectural design and
projects. He was responsible for the architectural design and construction of the following projects in Agency external
facilities:
These major projects are critical to solving the Agency's office space shortages.

4. The New Building Project Office responded to a request from the Office of Security (OS) for an aerial photograph of

the New Headquarters Building. OS, in coordination with the

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equipment plan to modify the main cafeteria, which will relieve

the traffic congestion near the hot-food serving lines.

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- A. One Individual Can Make a Difference
- B. Item of Interest from OL/B&F
- C. Visitations for February

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ATTACHMENT A

### \*\*\*\*\*\* ONE INDIVIDUAL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE \*\*\*\*\*\*

The Director of Logistics commends the following individuals who, by their outstanding performance of duty, have received acknowledgment from OL customers:

received acknowledgment from OL customers:
l. In a letter of appreciation from William F. Donnelly, Deputy Director for Administration, dated 23 January 1987, Facilities Management Division and Allied were recognized for their stellar performance in handling the record-breaking snow on 22 January. Mr. Donnelly states that Facilities Management Division went the extra mile in providing cots and blankets, arranging food service, and providing emergency transportation. Many thanks to all of Facilities Management Division and to Allied for jobs well done.
A separate note from Director of
Information Resources, dated 27 January 1987, expressed his
appreciation to Facilities Management Division for the fine
support and service in helping to get cars back on the road
again, the clearing of roads, and the assistance provided to those in OIR who had to stay late.
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of the Motor Pool, FMD, was singled out in
a note dated 27 January 1987, from Daniel A. Childs, Jr., Comptroller, for his excellent driving under difficult conditions during the snow on 22 January and for his gentlemanly and obliging manner.
In a letter from , Deputy Director of
African and Latin American Analysis, dated 30 January 1987,
Chief, Facilities Management Division, and
Motor Pool, FMD, were recognized for their
arrangement of transporting a handicapped Agency employee to
her residence in Arlington.
2. In a memorandum from Chief, South
Asia Division, NESA, dated 19 January 1987, of
the DI Contracts Team was commended for representing the Agency
exceptionally well during negotiations with a contractor. Mr.
stated that John handled a series of tough questions in a
cool and concise manner. The contractor gained a much better
understanding of how to do business with the Agency.

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#### ITEM OF INTEREST

### The Role of an Authorized Certifying Officer

Virtually every Agency employee, at some point in his/her career, has a financial transaction which is reviewed and certified by an Authorized Certifying Officer. Yet it is the rare individual who understands the responsibilities and duties of a Certifying Officer or the unique role he plays within the The indiscriminate use of the term "certifying officer" serves to foster this confusion. A great many government officials make official "certifications" of one type or another, i.e. T&A cards, but this does not make them Authorized Certifying Officers for purposes of the accountable officer The duties and responsibilities of an Authorized Certifying Officer are provided by statute. Under 31 U.S. Code 82c the Authorized Certifying Officer is held responsible for the existence or correctness of the facts stated on a youcher and its supporting papers and for the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation involved.

Under 31 U.S. Code 82c, the Authorized Certifying Officer is held accountable for the amount of any illegal, improper or incorrect payment resulting from his certification. Thus Certifying Officers have a heavy burden of verification in order to avoid liability. A clear illustration of a Certifying Officers responsibilities and liability occurred in 1977 when it was discovered that a Department of Transportation employee embezzled over \$850,000. The fraud was discovered by virtue of the employee's ostentatious purchases, including several luxury automobiles and a "topless" bar. The employee was found guilty and sent to jail. However, subsequent review by the General Accounting Office revealed negligence on the part of the Certifying Officer for not fully verifying computations and signatures. The Department of Transportation was advised to proceed with collection action against the Certifying Officer for the full amount embezzled less any amounts recovered. another case a Certifying Officer for the Department of Agriculture was held liable for certifying a voucher for rental of a chartered bus for the transportation of female guests from Albuquerque to Grants, New Mexico for purposes of providing social and recreational services to Job Corps enrollees. (Yes, this is an actual case.) A review of certification issues within the Agency would undoubtedly unearth its own collection of intriguing cases.

The sensitivity of issues examined daily by Agency Certifying Officers and the structure of the Agency's					
	approval/certification process have served to significantly modify the normal role of a Certifying Officer in Government				
	service.				

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The uniqueness of the Agency Certifying Officer's circumstances has served to strengthen him and to foster a spirit of cooperation not found in other organizations. Agency Certifying Officers are trained, by virtue of their environment, to go one step further to offer alternatives that marry the goals and regulations of the Agency.

### ATTACHMENT C

# OL VISITATION SCHEDULE

## February 1987

	OFFICER	COMPONENT	DATE
	C/RECD	EO/OTS	2/9/87
	C/P&PD	C/CPAS/CDP	2/10/87
	C/IMSS	C/SAS/SS and Logs Officer	2/11/87
STAT	C/RECD	Logs	2/12/87
	C/IMSS	C/CCS/DO	2/13/87
	EO/OL	D/EURA and Logs Officer	2/17/87
	EO/OL	D/SOVA and Logs Officer	2/18/87
	C/P&PD	C/SS/OGI and Logs Officer	2/19/87
STAT	C/PMS	C/SE and Logs Officer	2/20/87
	C/FMD	C/SS/NPIC and Logs Officer	2/20/87
	C/FMD	SA/SSA/FBO and Logs Officer	2/20/87
	C/PMS	C/FBIS/CS and Logs Officer	2/24/87
	D/L	D/OS and Logs Officer	2/24/87
	DD/L	D/OF	2/25/87
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