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25X1A 1. Mr. [] informed me that Mr. Dulles had told Congressman Ostertag that he should see "the same things Congressman Sikes is seeing", which includes some refugee centers [] and Radio Free Europe in Munich. Congressman Ostertag called Mr. Braden before he departed for Europe to remind him of this commitment and Mr. Braden has alerted NCFE to take the necessary steps. I have informed Mr. Helms so that he can amend the cable which I had prepared 25X1A
25X1A informing [] of Ostertag's arrival. (This is a good example of what happens when Legislative Counsel is not present at Congressional meetings involving CIA officials).

25X1 2. I informed [] of the newspaper announcement of 15 September of the formation of a New York State joint legislative committee to look into charitable religious foundations. The announced purpose of the investigation includes the study of graft in the receipt of charitable contributions, particularly through overhead expenditures. However, the committee is sending out several hundred questionnaires to various groups regarding their expenditures [] I told 25X1
25X1 [] that if he receives any word in this connection he should let us know so that we may be of assistance. I have asked Col. White to bring the clipping to the DCI's attention.

25X1A 3. Mr. [] informs me that our proposed letter to Senator Fulbright regarding the activities of an NCFE employee who had approached the Senator for a statement on foreign relations was to be forwarded to NCFE for direct handling between the Chief of NCFE and Senator Fulbright.

4. Discussed with Col. White the status of a building for CIA, which he had in turn discussed with the DCI and DDCI on 12 September. It appears that the DDCI would favor the Langley site and the DCI would favor the 24th Street site. GSA has given as its opinion that there will be no present building available which could properly house CIA, that as a

matter of economy construction would be preferable, and that they would be willing to support us before Congress. However, we are not yet prepared to make any final decisions.

5. I lunched with Bryce Harlow, formerly Chief Clerk of the House Armed Services Committee and presently a member of the White House legislative staff. In the course of discussing the problem of a Joint Congressional Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Harlow pointed out his very strong feeling of opposition to such a project as an invasion of the constitutional powers of the President and as violating the concept of the separation of powers. In addition, it was his opinion that it presented a situation comparable to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (which he feels to be unconstitutional) where we would have to lay before the Committee all of our operational plans prior to undertaking. It is Mr. Harlow's opinion that testimony on CIA should be held to a minimum and that the President should, if necessary, issue a directive to that effect.

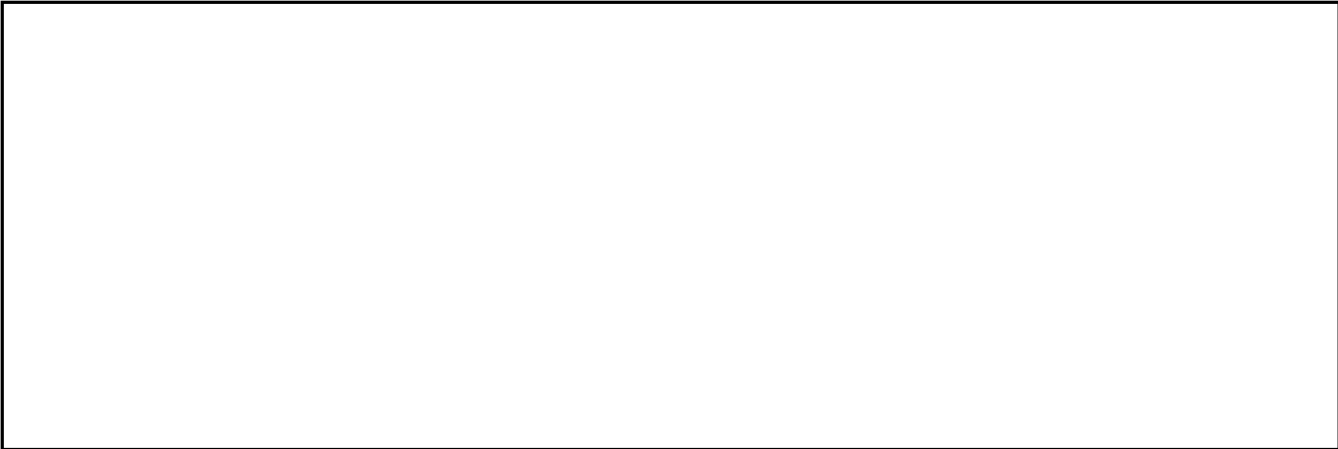
6. Mr. Tracy Augur, of ODM, has invited me to attend a meeting reactivating the committee which is investigating the problems of dispersing key Government departments as a defense measure. I informed Mr. Augur that we would be happy to have a representative at the meeting (10 a.m., 17 September, Room 331 Executive Office Building) but that I had been replaced as the CIA representative by Mr. [redacted] who is charged with those responsibilities. I have informed Mr. [redacted] of the meeting and he will plan to attend at least part of the time with Mr. [redacted] as his alternate. 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A

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9. Congressman Carroll Reece, Chairman of the House Select Committee to Investigate Charitable Foundations, said that informal agreement had been reached on appointing Rene Wormser, New York attorney, as counsel for the Committee. Wormser is a brother of the present Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and we have received a security clearance on him should it be necessary to approach Wormser in connection with the investigation. Mr. Pforzheimer can also open a personal channel to Wormser. A second staff position will go to Charles B. Holstein, former Research Director of the House Special Committee on Lobbying Activities.

10. Mr. Wayne Brobeck, of the staff of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, informed me that their investigating group overseas has left Khartoun for Jidda and will then proceed to Dharan, Damascus and arrive back at Cairo on 20 September. The Committee is due to return to the United States on the 27th or 28th, but in all probability Chairman Cole will remain abroad.

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11. Mr. [redacted], saw Senator Bricker, Acting Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, and presented the latest information on the Soviet atomic developments. Senator Bricker appeared to be greatly pleased with the service and quality of the reports he is receiving and appeared to be willing not to press questions of a high security nature. He told Mr [redacted] that as Chairman of the Weapons Subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy he proposes to suggest that the Government take a very careful look, together with his Committee, at their weapons program to make certain that it is going in the right direction, and that the money is being wisely spent. The Senator felt that in view of the fact that Chairman Cole was to return in about 10 days there would be no need to cable him on latest developments, but in view of the fact that the Chairman may not return, Mr. [redacted] will raise this problem again with Senator Bricker when he sees him in a few days.

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