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1. [redacted] - JMM) On Saturday afternoon, in response to his efforts to reach the Director and his resulting conversation with [redacted] I called on Senator Stuart Symington at his home in Georgetown and gave him a copy of the White House press release regarding some changes in the intelligence community. Senator Symington said that as a result of news stories on the subject, he wanted to know "what it was all about." I said I thought all that was involved was an effort to tidy up and make more efficient the workings of the intelligence community, and that no drastic changes were involved. The Senator expressed concern that delegation of the running of the Agency to the Deputy Director, a military man, might give the military, who already control NSA and DIA, disproportionate influence. I said that, on the contrary, it seemed to me that with Mr. Helms' coordinating responsibility reinforced and clarified we could argue that the influence of the military was reduced. Symington said we would just have to see what would happen, and our conversation ended on an amicable note.

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2. [redacted] - JMM) Called Representative William Minshall to explain that since I had been unable to reach him Friday, I wanted to call his attention to the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community, and let him know we would be glad to answer any questions we could. He said he had just returned to town and was not aware of the announcement, but when I explained it to him he said it sounded like a good idea.

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3. [redacted] JGO) Received a call from Mr. Richard Ransom, Armed Services Investigating Special Subcommittee staff of the House Armed Services Committee, who requested for the Chairman a technical security sweep of the Committee hearing room. The process of converting the room from a conference type room to a Committee hearing room is almost completed. Arrangements were finalized to sweep the Room 2337 RHOB tomorrow, 9 November 1971, at 7:00 a.m.

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