

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

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6 December 1965

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3. In discussions with Bill Thomas of the Bureau of the Budget, it was agreed that the Director and Charlie Schultze will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 December. We also agreed that I would have a preliminary meeting with Charlie at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 December.

4. [Redacted] who will retire this month, was in to say good-by. I was pleased to learn that he is being taken on as a contract employee and will assist us with our recruiting [Redacted]

5. [Redacted] talked with me about the briefing he is scheduled to give tomorrow to Russ Blandford and Philip Kelleher of the House Armed Services Committee staff. In response to his query, I told [Redacted] not to discuss budget figures. If they raise the question, he should answer candidly but should also mention that Mr. Mahon, Chairman of our House Appropriations Subcommittee, is not favorably disposed toward CIA giving budget information to any other committee.

6. Jack Earman talked to me about a summons for jury duty in Alexandria which he had received. Subject to any advice which Larry Houston might have, we agreed that, since Jack will have to serve sooner or later, he should probably accept this summons without requesting a deferment.

7. I asked Bob Bannerman to look into the question of uniform allowances for our chauffeurs and to ascertain whether we give a dollar allowance or an allowance by item. This subject was raised with me by [redacted] who said that the Department of State gives a dollar allowance so that the chauffeurs can substitute shirts for a pair of pants if they have more need for shirts.

8. [redacted] talked with me briefly about the flap over Matt Baird's assignment [redacted] I told him that this is a closed issue and that, while I thought we had used poor judgment in trying to appoint him a [redacted]

9. Jack Earman was in to talk with me about the preliminary report from the inspectors who are surveying the WE Division. He said that they are appalled at the number of personnel problems they have discovered. The worst of it is that he feels they really have not discovered anything that the WE Division did not already know.

10. I discussed our R&D problems briefly with Dick Helms, and we agreed to have another session with Bud Wheelon before proceeding further. I told Dick quite frankly that the real problem is the fear other people have about Bud's tendency to take complete control and their reluctance to give anyone this control when his tenure is probably a short one.

11. I discussed with Dick Helms the question of Ray Cline's writing memoranda to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, etc., and suggested that all such memoranda should be signed by the Director. Dick opined that, since Ray is leaving within the next several months, we should live with the problem and try to set up proper procedures when Ray's successor takes over.

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