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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller



12 November 1965

1. Both Walt Elder and [redacted] reported an incident with Ray Cline on Wednesday, 10 November. Ray apparently called [redacted] to say that he planned to brief some news people, of Newsweek I believe. [redacted] objected to this and when Ray asked him for a written memorandum which he could show to news people as his reason for not being available to talk with them, [redacted] took the matter up with the Director. The Director supported [redacted] and asked him to tell Ray that the rules about contact with the press apply to everybody including Deputy Directors.

2. Jack Earman and I discussed several items.

a. Jack talked with me about a promotion for [redacted] I told Jack that I had no objection to this and that, while I was holding up on several such recommendations pending the Director's approval of the new supergrade structure, there was no reason why he could not initiate the request.

b. At Jack's request I undertook to brief Dick Helms on the fact that [redacted] and his two associates would participate as full members of the inspection teams looking into procurement and therefore must have some exposure to CIA operations, with the exception of TSD where Jack feels exposure will not be necessary.

c. Jack and I also talked about an IG survey of the Office of Security. I asked him to proceed with this as soon as he could. I told him that when he could arrange it, I would also like to have an IG survey of the administration and history of our Honor and Merit Awards Program.

3. Bud Wheelon, [redacted] John Clarke, and I had two discussions [redacted] and Bud, with the assistance of [redacted] undertook to draft a letter for the Director to send to the Pentagon before his meeting with Cy Vance at 1400 hours on Tuesday, 16 November.

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Bud requested a topnotch finance man from John's staff to assist [redacted] in his NRO responsibilities; he suggested [redacted] I opined that I thought we could not spare [redacted] and asked John to come up with someone. Bud left with me a paper on staffing within the Agency to support the NRO. Attached to it is what amounts to a DD/I nonconurrence, which Bud feels he cannot resolve.

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4. Bob Bannerman told me that he believes [redacted] does not have a case in declining to give SIGINT approval to a NSA individual because he had not been polygraphed. Bob told [redacted] this and will urge that we not get the Director out on this kind of a limb.

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5. Peer de Silva was in to show me a draft reply to General Wheeler's letter about the need for more intelligence from Vietnam. He said that DD/I and DD/S&T have concurred in the draft. I asked him to put it in final form for the Director's signature.

6. I talked with Jack Earman about a Deputy for his office. Since [redacted] will not be available until sometime next summer, I told Jack that it was all right to proceed with [redacted], but suggested he get a reading from Dick Helms before finally accepting him.

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7. John Clarke and I met with Admiral Raborn and Dick Helms to review our [redacted] priority list. Dick was critical of the whole exercise but failed to suggest any other way to approach it. We agreed to send a letter to the Bureau of the Budget which merely identifies the reductions by major category without attempting to say just what the impact of such reductions would be. (I have serious reservations about the wisdom of this decision since it may well mean that the Bureau will give us the lower figure and proceed from there whereas, had we put up a good argument about the importance of the activities we would have to eliminate, we might have had a chance to retain the higher figure or something close to it.)

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