

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller



10 November 1965

1. I learned from John Bross that Bill Thomas of the Bureau of the Budget prepared a memorandum which argued that the United States Government did not need both the A-12 and the SR-71 programs and that as a budgetary measure the OX program should be phased out, at least as far as CIA is concerned, by the end of Fiscal Year 1966. Following later discussions with the Director, Dick Helms, and Bud Wheelon, the Director telephoned Cyrus Vance and asked him not to make even a preliminary decision on this matter without full consultation with CIA. The Director also called Charlie Schultze at the Bureau and requested that no decision be made until he was consulted and had a chance to present his views. (The Director seemed very anxious to retain the OX program in CIA and indeed took this position at our meeting on 12 November when we tried to identify [redacted] lower priorities. However, in another session with Dick, John Bross, John Clarke, [redacted] and myself on 15 November he seemed to have serious reservations as to whether it was worth [redacted] retain the OX program in CIA.)

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2. [redacted] came to see me to request a promotion to grade GS-9 for one of his secretaries in order to preclude her transfer elsewhere. I declined to do this on the principle that we could not upgrade positions merely to retain individuals in a particular office and that we must accept the fact that people could change jobs in order to accept promotions, gain more experience, etc.

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3. I talked with Paul Borel about two items.

a. Paul talked with me about their Panel on Information Sciences, and I agreed to recommend that the Director sign four letters with the understanding that they would not discuss automatic data processing with the Panel, this being DD/S&T's responsibility. Paul readily agreed. However, Walt Elder later called to my attention the fact that we had security information on only two of these individuals, and I am therefore still holding the letters.

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b. I told Paul that I wanted to get a further briefing on the Collection Guidance Staff because I did not get a proper appreciation of their manpower requirements from the briefing they recently gave the Director.

4. I met briefly with Bob Bannerman and Emmett Echols to talk about implementation of the new CIA retirement system. They left a new report with me which at a glance indicates that some immediate action should be taken to screen those people who are eligible for retirement under the system and to declare them either in or out of the system.

5. I met with John Clarke and Hank Knoche on automatic data processing. I requested that they draft a simple set of principles which I could present to the various Deputies for their consideration.

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