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DIARY NOTES

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1. Walt Elder buzzed to say that, based on his conversation with Dick Helms, he "assumed" that the effective date of my appointment as Executive Director-Comptroller would be 5 July. I am not too sure about this, however, for the following reasons: I attended a Long-range Planning Committee meeting this morning at which several things seemed abundantly clear. (a) We are not moving very fast with this plan, (b) no senior staff director or planner has been selected to write the plan, and (c) with the consent of Brown University Kirk has agreed to work on this plan as a consultant and expects to submit it prior to the beginning of the academic year in September 1965 as his last contribution to the Agency. Kirk announced that Admiral Raborn has now decided that initially this plan will be for CIA use only. It may be used later as guidance for the Intelligence Community. He also emphasized the Director's desire that this long-range planning exercise not be a hunting license to take on new chores but rather to sort out low priorities for elimination in order to undertake the highest priorities. I talked with Kirk later in the day. I told him that, although I was delighted that he will assume this planning responsibility, I felt strongly that we must select a senior planner without further delay. I left him several possible names, including [redacted] and [redacted] who appeared to be likely candidates. In the course of our conversation I asked Kirk specifically when he intended to leave and how much time he expected to spend at the Agency after he goes to Brown. He said that he would leave on either 3 or 17 July and would let me know definitely on Wednesday, 23 June. He anticipated that he would spend a day or two a week down here after his departure.

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2. [redacted] came down at my request to discuss with me the memorandum which he sent to Mr. Kirkpatrick on the [redacted]. [redacted] In typical [redacted] style he was upset that Kirk had sent this memorandum to DD/S suggesting that we get in touch with the White House. [redacted] regarded this as his responsibility. I agreed and told him that as Executive Director I would look to him to stay on top of this.

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