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Mr. Doherty, FBI, reported that the Bureau had never investigated  
LEON DENNAN and had nothing on him.

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With Director and [redacted] briefing the Director  
and Deputy Director on recent trip to Central and South American  
stations.

Col. Galloway reference certain contracts let by Services & Supply, A&M,  
for Communications Division, SO.

Queried status of procurement of fans or air conditioning for  
M and Q Buildings. Later was advised that A&M had checked all  
possibilities and that no such equipment was available for use  
in the temporary buildings.

[redacted] staff of the Asst Dir for Operations, with reference  
to possible assignment to full-time job on working group of the  
Interdepartmental Consultative Group on Coordination of Foreign  
Information Measures. The Deputy Director informed him of the  
general background and functions of the working group; stated that  
selection had not been made and [redacted] would be advised later  
if selected.

Called [redacted] (x 2075) and suggested an appointment for Tuesday  
at 1500.

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Deputy Director discussed advisability of utilizing the services of Mr. Hunter of New York Post (formerly OSS) in Special Procedures Branch; subject discussed with [redacted] Col. Galloway. (Mr. Hunter is reported to be friend of Mr. [redacted] and worked with him in OSS.)

Deputy Director queried [redacted] concerning a contact in Hutchinson, Kansas. Apparently a misunderstanding existed as result of conversation between [redacted] Col. Galloway.

Deputy Director requested Mr. Duggan, Acting Exec for I&S, to give highest priority to any security clearances requested for Special Procedures Branch.

Mr. Duggan, I&S, concerning report received from Mr. Doherty, FBI, that Mr. Seymour Israel West, Contact Branch, OO, was taking a language course in Good Neighbor School and was a member of the Washington Book Shop.

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Director's Weekly Staff Conference.

Col. Shannon reference employees having stock in various companies-- should not be utilized in preparation and letting of contracts to firms in which they have stock. One such incident had recently been reported.

Project Review Committee meeting to consider the FBIB monitoring station at Okinawa.

Checked on status of application of John E. Baker, former Lt. USNR, 260453, as a result of letter to SecForrestal from Patrick J. Hurley. Form 57 located in ORE; tentatively being considered for Far East Br. Discussed application with Mr. Cassady for possible employment in his Branch.

Called Mr. Constantine Barsky, Plaza 7-8600, suggesting that he come to Washington for conference; arrangements will be made for hotel reservation and he will be advised by wire on Wednesday, 24 March, where the reservation has been made. (984 Glenmore Ave., Brooklyn 8, N.Y.).

[redacted] reference daughter of Mr. Allen Dulles, to be married soon and live in Vienna. Arrangements will be made for [redacted] to talk with Mr. Dulles on Friday, 26 March.

[redacted] applicant, called to inquire status of application. Advised nothing at this time but he would be advised if anything developed. (Requested the OSS personnel and security file on subject and discussed them with [redacted])

General Sibert reference his recent interrogation of NICHOLAS NABOKOFF as suggested by Messrs. Thompson and Bohlen of State. Will forward a memo covering discussion.

Mr. Duggan reference security investigations for Special Procedures Branch, OSO.

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Mr. F. Oechsner, staff of Mr. Allen, Asst. Sec State for Public Affairs, reference Interdepartmental Consultative Group for Coordination of Foreign Information Measures -- and the working group.

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Mr. Cassady for discussion of personnel and operational problems of the Special Procedures Branch.

Attended briefing on organization and activities of FBIB.

Col. Galloway advised that our two representatives from Czechoslovakia had reached safe territory. The Director was so informed and relayed the information to State Department.

To Eye Clinic, Pentagon, for consultation with Lt. Jacobius.

Called on General Todd, Deputy Director of Joint Staff (JIG) regarding censorship planning. (2E283 Pentagon, x 2906)—See Memo ~~attached~~, dtd 3/19)

Col. Babbitt was requested to advise General Todd of status of the paper being prepared as result of meeting held last week.

Mr. Ed. Green and Mr. Herman Horton, OSO, reference operational problem which they had discussed with Col. Galloway and were seeking the Deputy Director's advice. In this connection the Deputy Director will approach Mr. Davies of [ ] staff, (State Dept).

Col. Babbitt advised that ID had concurred in the ORE Greek Situation Report.

Queried Mr. Davies, State, regarding certain information which was to be relayed to Asst Secy Allen. Mr. Davies stated that he had discussed the matter with the Asst. Secy on Friday, 19 March.

Requested [ ] to conduct Project Review Committee meeting to consider the East Coast FBIB monitoring sites.

Mr. Cassady reference the case of [ ] applicant for SPBr. Also discussed the case of [ ] Deputy Director will endeavor to reach [ ] by phone tonight to learn if applicant is interested in a job other than "research and analysis".

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