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11. [] Met with Mr. J. R. Blandford, House Armed Services Committee, and provided written responses to his request relating to (a) termination of an Agency project, (b) the U-2 publicity and (c) specific comments on the Wilson Post article of 23 May 1968. Due to the press of other business Mr. Blandford requested that I meet with him the first thing Monday when he will have had time to review the responses.

Advised Mr. Blandford that Representative Bates had also raised separate question regarding the termination of an Agency project and had been briefed by Mr. Maury earlier in the day. Mr. Blandford had no comment other than that he was glad that Representative Bates is up to date.

I noted in passing that the information previously provided regarding the Pueblo had included the fact that a technical study of the equipment was indicated by the removal of antenna housing and other similar portions of the vessel. Mr. Blandford had no comment on this item.

I also briefed him concerning a particular military deserter who is at present residing overseas and the fact that this case had been discussed in a Committee hearing in the Senate during the week. Mr. Blandford expressed his appreciation for this information.

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12. [] Met with Mr. Philip Kelleher, House Armed Services Committee, who reaffirmed that he had not been able to schedule a time with Mr. Philbin for hearings next week. Due to the tenuous nature of the full Committee it will be necessary to wait until next week to see what the schedule holds beyond then.

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13. [] Met with Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Assistant Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who advised that the complete background available at present on S.J.Res. 173, introduced by Senator Fulbright on 22 May, is set forth in his remarks in the Congressional Record of that date. The Resolution provides for establishment of a commission on organizational reforms in the Department of State, the Agency for International Development and the United States Information Agency.

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