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25X1 1. [] Received a call from Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Assistant to Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), who said that she had been in contact with the Senator since yesterday and he had requested that she and Richard Perle be brought up to date, if possible today, on Soviet strategic developments. A meeting was scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon with Mr. Duckett, DD/S&T.

25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. James Lowenstein, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me the Chairman will be requesting the background documents relating to the President's notice of November 5 concerning changes in the intelligence community and asked if I could identify the documents for him. After checking with Mr. Maury, I called Mr. Lowenstein back and told him that I had in front of me the Federal Register section "Quarterly Compilation of Presidential Documents, November 8, 1971" which listed at page 1482 an item titled, "Reorganization of the U.S. Intelligence Community" with a subtitle, "Announcement outlining management steps for improving the effectiveness of the intelligence community, November 5, 1971." I told Mr. Lowenstein that from a quick examination the content of this announcement appeared to be identical to the White House press release of 5 November. After some conversation I made reference to the news ticker item of yesterday quoting Mr. Ziegler with regard to the memorandum referenced in Newsweek. Mr. Lowenstein noted that it was somewhat absurd to think that such an announcement could be made without "something preceding it." The conversation closed on a friendly note.

25X1 3. [] Received a call from Mr. Richard Ransom, Special Armed Services Investigating Subcommittee staff, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the current hearings being conducted by the Subcommittee relating to the Cuban delegation to the Sugar Cane Conference in New Orleans. Mr. Ransom asked if we could provide a roster of the Cuban delegation. After discussion, I referred him to Mr. Neal Leary, Immigration and Naturalization Services.

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25X1 11. [] In response to a call from Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to [] saying that Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, was quite dissatisfied with the material we had provided him on the new arrangements of the intelligence community, I met with Slatinshek for clarification. He was preoccupied with a Committee hearing and recommended I talk to Mr. Nedzi directly which I did. Mr. Nedzi's main complaint was that the written material we had given him was classified and contained less information than appeared in the current issue of Newsweek. He also asked for a copy of the President's "decision memorandum" referred to in the Newsweek story.

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I said the paper we had given him was classified because it quoted directly from NSC classified documents, that the Newsweek story was interesting but contained many inaccuracies which I would be glad to go over with him, and that the existence of the alleged memo referred to had been officially denied by Mr. Ziegler of the White House. Mr. Nedzi was hurrying to a vote call and we agreed to meet again at 4:00 p.m.

Met with Mr. Nedzi at 4:00 p.m. and provided him with an unclassified copy of our paper on the new arrangements in the intelligence community. Also discussed the nature of these arrangements and the problem of his request for White House directives on the subject. In conclusion he said he "felt a little better" about the matter but wished to pursue it in the future. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 12. [] On instructions from the Director, I talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained the Director's difficulty in testifying this week before the full Committee. After consulting Senator Stennis, Braswell called back to say they would hope the Director could appear Monday or Tuesday and they would let me know which day. I said Monday would be much preferable from the Director's standpoint but Braswell said this might create problems since many of the members don't return from the weekend until Monday afternoon. In any event, Braswell will let us know Friday when the Chairman would like the meeting. He said they wanted a general intelligence roundup of perhaps an hour's duration plus a discussion of the new arrangements of the intelligence community which I said I thought might take no more than 15 or 20 minutes, but I noted there would probably be many questions. Braswell said they would schedule the meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but it might run over until the afternoon.

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5. [redacted] Met with Miss Jean Gordon, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.), and gave her a map for Mr. Gubser's use in visiting the Headquarters Building tomorrow morning.

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6. [redacted] Met with Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) and delivered to him a five-page blind memorandum relating to the intelligence community changes outlined in the November 5 White House announcement. Mr. Nedzi said that after he had a chance to review the paper he will call us if he has any questions.

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7. [redacted] In response to a request, picked up from Miss Judith Spahr, National Security and International Operations Subcommittee staff, Senate Government Operations Committee, an envelope addressed to Mr. Cord Meyer, Jr.

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8. [redacted] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a copy of the blind memorandum concerning the intelligence community changes. I told Frank I had just delivered a copy to Mr. Nedzi and that he had said he would call if he had any questions after reading the material. Frank appreciated the advice.

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I briefed Frank on the ChiCom expansion of medium bomber forces, [redacted]
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Soviet modification of G and H-III class submarines, deployment of tactical ASM, task force operating off the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, configuration of TU-16's recently moved to Egypt; and Pakistan military alert.

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25X1 3. [] Discussed with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, some points regarding the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community, emphasizing that changes from the past were largely procedural and of no major significance. I assured Slatinshek that there was no reason to suppose that the Director's direction of CIA or his access to the President, was being undermined.

Mr. Slatinshek said that Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, had indicated he wanted to become more active in regard to his responsibilities over the intelligence community in the near future and would want a briefing from the Director. I suggested such a briefing would be timely, should consist largely of the Director's own interpretation of his new responsibilities in the community, and should include Representatives Hebert and Arends in addition to the members of the Nedzi Subcommittee. Slatinshek thought this a good idea and will suggest it to Nedzi.

I explained to Slatinshek that I thought much of the confusion resulted from the fact that most people on the Hill really didn't understand how the intelligence community had functioned in the past, or how it related to the National Security Council.

25X1 4. [] Met with Senator Clifford P. Case and told him I would be glad to brief him on matters raised in his recent letters to the Director and Secretary of State Rogers, which had been referred to us, but could not include members of his staff. The Senator said that he would have to insist on including members of his staff who handled these matters for him. I said unfortunately this was not possible. Case asked that I convey his request to the Director. I said that I had explained this to the Director and I was giving him the Director's answer, which was that the Director felt that in view of his statutory responsibilities for protecting intelligence sources and methods he would have to limit his discussion of highly sensitive intelligence matters to the Senator himself. The Senator said he would like the Director to write him a letter to this effect. I said I would convey his request to the Director.

25X1 5. [] Discussed with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, certain aspects of the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community. See Memo for Record for details.

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