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9. (Secret - JMM) Called John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, to say that Larry Houston, General Counsel, had been in touch with Fred Buzhardt, of Defense Department, regarding the Pentagon papers which Senator Gravel is turning over to Beacon Press for publication. (See Journal of 18 and 19 August.) I said Houston and Buzhardt agreed that in view of the likelihood that the material was already in the hands of Beacon Press the best solution might be for Justice to proceed under Title 18, Section 793 of the Code, requiring the unauthorized possessor of classified material which might be used to injure the United States to surrender it on request. I said I thought it best for this avenue to be thoroughly explored before we further considered a direct approach to Gravel. Lehman agreed, and I said we planned to take no action in the matter pending further development.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed pending legislation affecting the Agency. Blandford said he didn't expect any of these bills to move in the House in the near future.

Blandford said he was preparing a speech on the subject of the importance of discipline in the armed forces, and would like to have some material on the history of Soviet experiments in the early days of the Red Army when they attempted to abolish rank and discipline. Blandford said he would like this by 30 August. OSR is preparing this.

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