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1. [redacted] Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and asked if the Director could brief the full Senate Armed Services Committee next week. I reminded him (as Mr. Maury had done earlier) of the Director's commitment to the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee next Tuesday and Wednesday, adding that it was a very full schedule next week. Braswell said Senator Stennis had advised the full Committee today that he would have Mr. Helms or "his chief briefer" come up and brief the full Committee next week and asked if this couldn't be done on Thursday. Braswell added this was a result of a request from Senator Dominick and, as he understood it, would consist of a world wrapup briefing at the secret level. I told Braswell I would take this up with the Director and be back in touch with him.

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2. [redacted] Met with Mr. Robert Nicholas, House Appropriations Committee staff, and received from him a series of questions prepared for Representative Robert Sikes (D., Fla.) for his use during the briefing by the DCI on 2 and 3 March. [redacted] has been advised.

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3. [redacted] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and alerted him to the fact of a possible call to the Committee from Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) for a briefing on Agency activities in Laos. Mr. Blandford foresees no problem in handling such a question and asked that he be brought up-to-date on the Agency personnel strengths and costs in Laos for the Chairman's benefit should the question arise of current availability of information on Laos within the Committee.

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5. [redacted] William R. Devereaux, in the office of Representative John Rousselot (R., Calif.), called and said he was having problems in understanding press service abbreviations used in the Soviet Union and East European Daily Reports and I told him we would supply him with the full names of the press services and the names of the newspapers most frequently encountered in this material. [redacted] FBIS, is drawing up such a list which we will give to Devereaux.

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7. [redacted] Met with Mrs. Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, and delivered the updated identification folders for the Committee professional staff members that were necessitated by change in the Committee chairmanship. See Journal of 6 January 1971.

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10. [redacted] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and delivered a Reserve withdrawal letter for the Chairman, details of which I explained orally to Woodruff. Woodruff discussed certain problems regarding future Committee procedures. See Memo for the Record.

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11. [redacted] Met with Chairman F. Edward Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, and Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, of the Committee staff, to discuss congressional briefing requests from outside the Committee. I summarized the past practice, which had been to respond in cases that appeared to involve no sensitive problems but refer requests that did involve controversial or sensitive security matters to the Committee. I then mentioned the recent request from Representative Paul McCloskey. Hebert said he thought the previous practice was a sensible one, and whenever we were confronted with a difficult request we should reply that on sensitive matters the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee must be observed and any briefing would have to first have the approval of the Committee Chairman. Hebert emphasized that in view of the present arrangements for handling Agency affairs, there should be no reference to a "CIA Subcommittee" but we should refer only to the Armed Services Committee.

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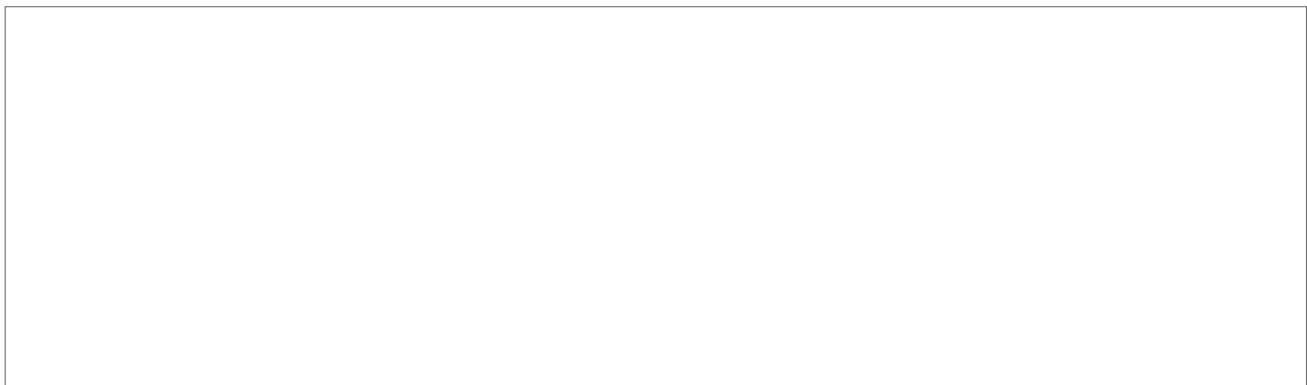
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25X1 5. [redacted] Received a call from Miss Jackie Groverfield, in the office of Representative Earl Landgrebe (R., Ind.), who requested information and application forms on the CIA for a constituent. Forms were sent to the Representative's office.

25X1 6. [redacted] Miss McLean, in the office of Representative Tom Railsback (R., Ill.) called requesting a personnel interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] office, I advised Miss McLean that an appointment had been set up for 2:00 Wednesday, 24 February.

25X1 7. [redacted] John Bross called to say that Bill Weeks called him from California about 7:00 p. m. Friday evening to say that Representative Paul McCloskey had been most unhappy over the Agency's unwillingness to provide him a briefing on North Vietnam. Bross said he told Weeks that normally State and Defense are the appropriate places to go for briefings of this sort.



25X1 9. [redacted] Met with Representative G. William Whitehurst (R., Va.) in response to his inquiry concerning a Cuban defector in Spain. I explained that we had no Agency interest in this individual, and gave Whitehurst a suggested reply to his constituent who had raised the matter with him.

Whitehurst discussed problems created by certain new members of the House Armed Services Committee, remarking that it was only safe to assume that henceforth almost anything that was said before the full Armed Services Committee might leak.

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Friday - 19 February 1971

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1. [redacted] Met with Mr. Bernard Poirier, Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), and gave him a series of unclassified translations of Soviet trade journal and publication items relating to oil and gas pipelines. See Journal of 30 April 1970.
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2. [redacted] Met individually with members of the staffs of House Committees on Science and Astronautics, Post Office and Civil Service, Foreign Affairs, and Government Operations and learned that these Committees have not yet organized.
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3. [redacted] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the Committee hearing schedule in general with him. From present Committee considerations, it is not possible to tell when the Agency might be called for briefings. The Agency is not included in the pending schedule and, so far, no pressure has developed for our appearance.
- I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the Soviet SS-NX-8 naval missile; Soviet oceanographic research ships, Lebedev and Vavilov; and the Soviet Maritime mission to Singapore.
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4. [redacted] Met with Mrs. Olive Hurley, Secretary to Senator J. Caleb Boggs (R., Del.), and brought her up-to-date on the Agency's interview with [redacted]. Mrs. Hurley expressed her appreciation for the Agency's followthrough in keeping the Senator advised.
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5. [redacted] Met with Mr. Jim Wilson, Technical Consultant, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, and briefed him in general for the Chairman on the pending Chinese and Soviet satellite launches.
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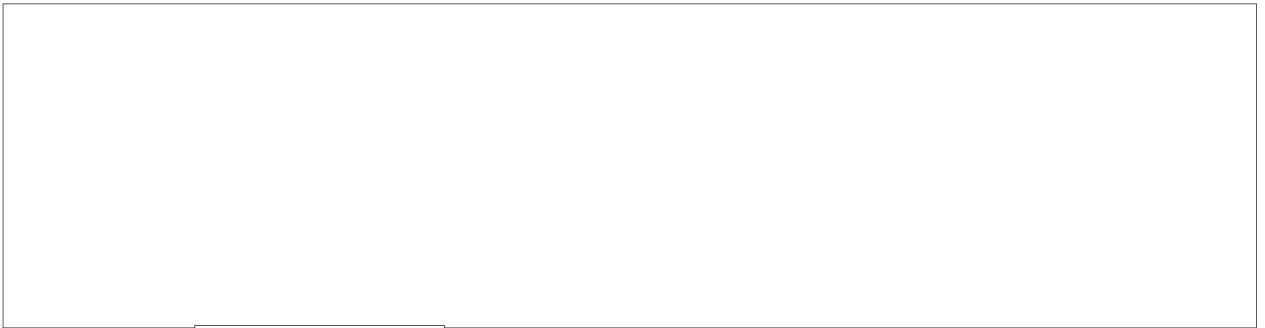
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Wednesday - 17 February 1971

25X1 1. [] Miss Dale Sutherland, in the office of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), called on behalf of a constituent for recent Agency maps on Communist China and after further discussion she felt that the Communist China Map Folio would suffice nicely.



25X1 3. [] As a result of several conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and consultations with the Director, it was agreed that the Director's briefing of the Defense Subcommittee would be on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 and 3 March, at 10:00 a.m., that we should be prepared for an all-day session on both days, and that attendance would be limited to members of the Defense Subcommittee only.

25X1 4. [] Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on latest information regarding ChiCom fighter plane production, Soviet Y-class submarine movements, tests of a new Soviet aircraft, a new Soviet installation in the Far East, recent developments in Southeast Asia, and a possible emerging crisis between India and Pakistan.

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