

DAILY DIARY

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BOB AMORY, DDI -- HANSON BALDWIN, JOHN STEELE

SJG told Amory that Steele had called him to say that LIFE has the Harriman story of the conversation which it will run in its next issue and that Steele is now asking to talk to Bob Amory or the Director to get an off-the-record discussion of the meaning of this. Amory commented that that was very interesting because the Boss had just told him that C.D. Jackson knew nothing about the Harriman version of the story.

The conversation shifted to Amory's recent appointment with Hanson Baldwin; Amory said he had written a memorandum for the Record about it for the Director at his request. He said to be perfectly frank about it, he did not turn in a report to SJG on the contact because the last time Baldwin was here he took exception to Col. Grogan's being present and asked if the next time he saw him he might not have lunch with him. Amory said he probably should not have agreed but since he had had lunch with Baldwin before he did agree.

DCI -- PALEY, STEELE

SJG called the Director and told him that Ted Keop had asked him to call the Director and to tell him from Joe Bean that Bill Paley is now in Europe but should anything develop re their conversation, Paley would be glad to return immediately from Europe. The Director commented that he had not done much about this as yet.

SJG said Steele had called him again to say they now have received from Harriman, his own story. New York has asked that Steele see the Director or Bob Amory and get an off-the-record discussion of the significance. The Director expressed belief that we could not do this and that they ought to go to the State Department. SJG said he would refer Steele there. The DCI said he just talked to C. D. Jackson who said they are not going to run the story until the issue following this one of LIFE. (SJG's understanding had been that it would be in the issue coming out this week.)

SJG said he would call Amory and tell him to refer all calls received on this subject to the State Department.

SJG called Amory and told him of his call with the Director and asked him to refer all calls to State. Amory said he would do this.