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2. [REDACTED] Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), called to say the Senator had picked up some "sensitive" information concerning the Agency which he wished to pass to us promptly. Cohen and I agreed to meet for lunch Monday, 3 April to discuss the matter. 25X1

3. [REDACTED] Richard Perle, staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and said that he and Dorothy Fosdick would like a briefing as soon as possible on the use of overhead reconnaissance techniques in connection with the drug control problem. I arranged for [REDACTED] to meet with Perle and Fosdick at 3:00 p. m. tomorrow. 25X1

4. [REDACTED] Talked to [REDACTED] about his appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in connection with the Case bill (S. 2224 on making intelligence information available to the Congress). [REDACTED] strongly recommended we examine the transcript of the question and answer part of his appearance as soon as it is available. 25X1

5. [REDACTED] Discussed with Mary Lou Keaney, in the office of Senator Robert Taft (R., Ohio), a suggested reply to a letter from two high school students inquiring about the Agency and Cambodia. It was suggested that Miss Keaney contact the Cambodian desk officer at State who would probably be able to provide most of the information requested. 25X1

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4. [] Hand-carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, copy #3 of the corrected transcript of the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee on 16 February 1972. Murphy renewed his request for any information that we could give him on [] as well as any comment we could give him on the story which appeared in the New York Times on the 12th of March alleging a "revolutionary potential" among the native Taiwanese. I assured Murphy that I was checking on these and would be in touch with him later.

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5. [] Met with Miss Helen Mattas, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and reviewed the portion of the transcript of the statement of Maurice J. Williams, Deputy Administrator, AID, of 21 March relating to questions concerning the GAO report referenced in the New York Times of Sunday, 19 March. Mr. Williams repeated the agreed statement verbatim with the exception that he corrected the figure 250,000 Lao refugees giving the correct figure 280,000. The tone of his response was unequivocal and to the point that USAID is not providing support for Lao military/paramilitary forces and dependents. Miss Mattas also gave me a copy of the prepared statement read into the record by Mr. Williams. [] FE Division, has been advised.

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6. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and delivered to him the Director's letter to the Chairman forwarding certain information on the Soviet navy for inclusion in the Committee records. This closes out for the moment the various actions that resulted from the letter of 7 March from Representative Aspin (D., Wis.) to the Director.

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In response to his earlier request I gave Mr. Slatinshek a blind memorandum dated 23 March for his use concerning the GAO report of USAID assistance to Lao military and paramilitary forces and dependents. We were joined by Mr. Maury at which time Mr. Slatinshek briefed us on two GAO actions of interest to the Agency. See Memorandum for Record.

He told us also that he has scheduled a current intelligence briefing by DIA for the Intelligence Subcommittee on Wednesday afternoon, 29 March, at 4:00 p.m. He will request a briefing by the Agency on selected current items some time after the recess and will work out the details with us after the AID appearance next week. He requested that in general the briefing be conducted by individuals at the working levels to avoid formality and to assist the members in developing a better feel for intelligence concepts and capabilities.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the Wu-Chai launch facility and the Soviet Mod 3 SS-11 status.

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and will not be available for some time due to a backlog of reporting.

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8. [redacted] Last night Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary 25X1
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considering taking up the subject in open hearings of his Subcommittee on
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this happened he was afraid the Department "couldn't be much help." I said
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hearings and, moreover, even if we did, the first questions would concern
who made the policy decisions. I told Abshire that I'd take the matter up with
the Director and let him know the results.

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said that Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.) wondered if the Director would
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today, Senator Church had referred to information he claimed he had from
CIA that the Chinese Communists were much put out over the alleged unseemingly
conduct of Ambassador Watson. After checking throughout the Agency and
conferring with the Director, I called Abshire to assure him that the Agency
had no such information and certainly no responsible Agency officer made such
an allegation. I urged Abshire to relay this to appropriate members of the
Committee.

I also told Abshire that I informed the Director of the possibility that
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1. [redacted] Delivered a personal letter from Mr. Maury to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) to the Representative's office and left a copy of the dated signed letter with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, for his use.

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2. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. George Berdes, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who asked for [redacted] title at the time he left the Agency. I told him [redacted] was Deputy Director for Research at the time he left the Agency on [redacted] 1963.

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3. [redacted] Received a call from Mrs. Aberg, in the office of Representative Ancher Nelsen (R., Minn.), who request application forms and brochures for a constituent. I told Mrs. Aberg that the material would be sent out first thing in the morning.

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4. [redacted] Talked to Mr. Jim Shumate, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who asked if I would check for him and see if a copy is available of the story the Director tells about the two Russians in the fields. Representative Dickinson (R., Ala.) would appreciate a copy of it. I told Mr. Shumate that I would check on it.

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5. [redacted] Talked to Miss Joanne Ciaravella, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, who told me that the Hanley bill, H. R. 11150, was not reached on the agenda during the meeting of the full Committee today. The next meeting of the full Committee for consideration of agenda items will be in four weeks.

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6. [redacted] Mrs. Frances Funk, Clerical Assistant, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and requested an employment interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] I advised her that an appointment has been scheduled for 3:30 this afternoon.

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7. [redacted] Discussed with Barbara Zeph, in the office of Representative Clarence Miller (R., Ohio), a proposed reply to a letter from a constituent expressing concern to reports that the Agency was enlisting 10 and 11 year old boys to fight in Laos. Miss Zeph appreciated our assistance and stated she would prepare the reply along the line suggested.

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11. [] Met with Mrs. Dora McCracken, Staff Assistant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and received a copy of the conference report to accompany S. 18, concerning grants to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mrs. McCracken told me that the Committee staff as yet has heard nothing further concerning the alleged report on dope in Thailand which according to Jack Anderson is to be filed with the Committee by Representative Lester L. Wolff (D., N. Y.).

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12. [] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whom I had not seen since his return from his travels through the Far East and Europe with Senator Symington (D., Mo.). In brief, Mr. Kuhl told me that Senator Symington had excluded him and the military escort from all meetings with Agency personnel. The Senator, however, had seemed pleased with the treatment he received at the hands of the Agency.

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13. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the Soviet VTOL, the Foxbat Sinai overflight, and Chinese CSS-1 ground support equipment.

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14. [] Met with Messrs. John Martiny and Robert Lockhart, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, and reviewed with them the need for exemption for the Agency from Section 2 and 3 of H. R. 3807, a bill to amend Title 5 of the United States Code to establish and govern the Federal Executive Service and for other purposes. In discussion with Mr. Lockhart, after Mr. Martiny had to leave the meeting, he pointed out that this is an Administration bill and is scheduled for hearings starting with the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission on 28 March solely as a result of a request by the Administration for consideration of the measure. Mr. Lockhart pointed out that although he did foresee little difficulty in the Agency convincing a member of the Committee to introduce the appropriate amendments on our behalf during Committee consideration of the bill, he would recommend serious consideration of reviewing the matter with the Civil Service Commission before the Chairman's appearance on the 28th. Since the bill is an Administration one, a mere request by the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission during his presentation on the 28th for an amendment on the Agency's behalf could be expected to be adopted with minimum discussion. He noted that we might want to consider suggesting to the Commission that there are other agencies as well as ours among those granted specific exemption from Section 1 of the bill that probably should be exempt from Section 2 and 3. I thanked Mr. Lockhart for his advice and told him I would be back in touch the first of the week. Mr. Warner, OGC and [] have been advised.

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Tuesday - 14 March 1972

1. [redacted] I called Barbara Rathe, Executive Secretary to Representative Hale Boggs (D., La.), in response to Representative Boggs' transmittal note of 10 March forwarding a letter [redacted]
[redacted] I told Miss Rathe that we have no record of an employee by that name. Miss Rathe indicated that she thought that might be the case but that [redacted] has been very persistent in her calls to Representative Boggs' New Orleans office. She asked if we would confirm the conversation with a short letter that might be used by the New Orleans office in dealing with [redacted]
2. [redacted] Received a call from [redacted] DD/SEC, w told me that he has reviewed the [redacted] paper on classification of information in open society and recommends that the Agency maintain a low profile and not comment on the paper. He further recommended that there be no meeting with [redacted] on this subject. [redacted] DODS, has been advised. See Journal of 9 March 1972.
3. [redacted] At the request of [redacted] I called Mr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and confirmed with him the current status of the RFE/RL conference report. In accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives, the report will lie on the table for three days and then be voted on. Senator George Aiken (R., Vt.), acting Chairman of the Senate conferees in the absence of Senator Fulbright who is away from the city for the remainder of the week, has indicated that he will make no statement until after the House has voted on the report of the conferees. The report, in effect, adopts the Case bill, S. 18, which provides for financing through 30 June 1972.
4. [redacted] Delivered a copy of a 7 March front-page article from the Swiss newspaper Neve Zuercher Zeiting to the office of Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.).

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