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25X1 1. [redacted] Obtained from Pat Holt, Acting Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, his itinerary for his trip which is: Panama, November 19-25; Argentina, November 26 to December 2 or 3; and Chile, December 2 or 3 to December 8. I confirmed that all Holt wants  
 25X1A [redacted] is the same type of background briefing he has received on his trips in the past.

25X1 2. [redacted] Hand-carried to John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, the "Comparative Study of Basic VC Reports" which he had requested from our people in the field. Goldsmith said that in his conversation with the Chairman on his trip the Chairman gave no indication of concern with respect to the Laos ceiling. (Goldsmith commented to me that Ambassador Godley had said he was not concerned in view of the strong possibility of a cease-fire and in any event thought expenditures would be under the ceiling this year.) Goldsmith said the people in Laos are taking a close look at the Accord of July 23, 1962 for Laos (specifically Section A of Article 1) with respect to the definition of military personnel who might be retained in Laos under the nine point agreement. The above information  
 25X1A has been passed on to [redacted]

25X1A Goldsmith asked us to convey his personal appreciation and that of Senator Stennis [redacted] [redacted] for the fine assistance they gave him on his trip. 25X1A

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25X1 10. [redacted] Met with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who told me of his impressions from his recent trip to Indochina. He spoke highly of our personnel [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A [redacted] He is aware that expenditures in Laos are at a monthly rate which would exceed the [redacted] ceiling, but appreciates the necessity for this and sees no reason to believe that the ceiling would in fact be violated. In addition to a written report he plans to discuss his observations shortly with Chairman Stennis and will let us know if he finds the Chairman particularly concerned about any Agency problems in the area.

25X1 11. [redacted] Called Dick Schultz, Associate Chief Counsel, House Internal Security Committee, and arranged to meet with him and Donald Sanders, Chief Counsel, anytime this week at my convenience to discuss possibilities of broadening 18 U. S. C. 783(b) (Scarbeck statute). 25X1A

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25X1 8. [ ] Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained that we had gotten some indication from Defense that Chairman Stennis might be concerned about the possibility that our program in Laos was moving forward at such a rate that it would result in exceeding [ ] ceiling imposed by the Congress there. I said the Director might like to discuss this matter with the Chairman, and anything else the Chairman might have on his mind, at the Chairman's convenience. Braswell said he was not sure how the Chairman felt on this matter but he did recall that Pentagon officials had recently remarked that they were holding the line in Laos but certain other agencies might not be. Braswell said that Stennis was in Mississippi at the present but would be returning to Washington shortly and if we wished to get in touch with him we should do so through Mr. Cresswell. 25X1A

25X1 9. [ ] Accompanied [ ] to a briefing of Joel Abramson and Colby King, Senator Charles McC. Mathias' (R., Md.) staffers on the Senate Judiciary Committee, on the Agency's role in the Federal narcotics detection program. [ ] briefed these men on the Agency's role in the program. Abramson, who was completely unfamiliar with even the most basic aspects of the U.S. intelligence collection program, asked many questions which [ ] answered patiently and effectively. Mr. King on the other hand, being a former State Department employee assigned to the embassy [ ] was somewhat familiar with the Agency's activities abroad. These staff members are meeting with representatives of all departments and agencies which have a role in the Federal narcotics program so that they can more effectively assist Senator Mathias in assessing the effectiveness of Federal programs in the 93rd Congress. 25X1A

25X1 10. [ ] Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and invited him to attend a briefing on a sensitive project at Headquarters on Friday along with a visit to the NPIC exhibit. Braswell expressed his regrets but said he would be out of town from Thursday through Saturday of this week. I told him we would try to arrange a separate briefing for him and perhaps Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, at a later date.

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