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1. [ ] Mr. Fred Flott, State Department, called to alert us that Representative Lester Wolff, a friend of Flott's who is running against Representative Seymour Halpern (their constituency has been redistricted), is trying to get headlines and plans to go into the allegations of CIA involvement in drug traffic. I told Flott to have Wolff or his Administrative Assistant call me and we would be glad to straighten him out.

Robert Owens, Administrative Assistant to Representative Wolff, called to say that Wolff was much concerned about reports of Agency involvement in the drug traffic but before raising the matter in public he would appreciate a briefing. I said I would be glad to talk to Wolff with the understanding that any discussion of the Agency role in coping with the drug traffic would have to be confidential. Owens said he was sure this would be acceptable, and I said under these conditions I would have no objections to Owens being present. He said to schedule the briefing for Thursday, 23 March 1972 at 11:30 a. m.

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2. [ ] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to tomorrow's story by Jack Anderson about the Agency involvement with ITT in Chile.

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3. [ ] Called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the Jack Anderson story, which he appreciated.

I also explained to Mr. Nedzi that the press stories about AID health and medical funds for Laos being diverted to CIA were quite misleading.

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4. [ ] Called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, to alert him to the Jack Anderson story. He said he thought it was a "good thing" that CIA and ITT were both lined up against Allende. I also mentioned to Preston that the stories about the funds for the AID medical program in Laos were misleading.

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25X1 10. [ ] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the press items relating to the use of AID health funds to finance the Central Intelligence Agency activities in Laos.

I met with Mr. Slatinshek later in the day and discussed the general background of the Senate Refugee Subcommittee actions concerning the administration of the AID program in Laos. Mr. Slatinshek gave me a copy of the GAO report dated 13 March on this subject and asked that I provide him with answers to the questions he had noted therein. [ ]

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25X1 12. [ ] Contacted Horace Pascal, Mutual of Omaha, to relay my conversation with Dean Sharp, Assistant Counsel, Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation, Senate Judiciary Committee, that the Mutual of Omaha report to the Subcommittee on the 20th did not have to cover the GEHA program and that another program could be substituted.

25X1 13. [ ] Called Dick Schultz, Associate Chief Counsel, House Internal Security Committee, and based on the advice of [ ] Office of Security, told him that the Agency makes little or no use of the Subcommittee's indices, but Mr. Schultz would still like to have the opportunity to discuss the matter further with an Agency Security representative in the field of name checks, which he is also going to do with the Civil Service Commission and the FBI. [ ] was advised. (See Journal of 16 March 1972.)

25X1 14. [ ] Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, called for a reaction to a memorandum he had sent me on a recommended position for State to take on the Office of Management and Budget's recommendations concerning the funding of the Foreign Service retirement system. (Copies of the papers in question have been sent to the General Counsel, Director of Personnel, and Director of Finance.)

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