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1. I asked Howard Preston to be sure to provide space for [redacted] in his planning and suggested that [redacted] probably would be well pleased with space at 2210 "E" Street.

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2. I talked to [redacted] and subsequently sent him some papers on the same subject asking that he advise us at his earliest convenience of the action taken or recommended.

3. Approved of Colonel Edwards taking leave from 29 May through 3 June in order to attend his 30-Year Reunion at the West Point School for Boys Up-on-the-Hudson.

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4. [redacted] was in for a long talk about our inability to get adequate maintenance of our buildings from the General Services Administration. He was ready to propose that we make an attempt to set up our own maintenance facilities and organization. I told him that we would not have a prayer to make such an arrangement and that we should continue to do the best we could through the Public Buildings Service. I requested that he draft a letter for Mr. Wolf's signature to Mr. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings Service, pointing out the inadequacy of the service rendered to CIA. [redacted] feels that we are getting as much, if not more, than any Government agency; nevertheless, it is not what it should be.)

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5. [redacted] also said that he would submit a paper requesting permission to hire a few carpenters (who would work under the supervision of the Public Buildings Service) in order to alter the new space which we have acquired so that we can get into it sometime soon. If we do not do this he feels that PBS will be slow in making these alterations.

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6. I talked to [redacted] about our contributions to the Newsletter and suggested that he raise this matter at the Deputies' Meeting again since contributions of late have not been sufficient to warrant publishing the 'letter. In my opinion, if we have this on the books we should comply with it, and if it is not worthwhile doing we should take it off the books.

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7. [redacted] telephoned to say that a letter signed by the President had been received concerning [redacted] (Bob Amory represents CIA on this subject.) The President requests that we cooperate with General Craig, who is apparently running the Project, to supply officers, secretarial services, and other assistance which may be required; this would be, of course, on a temporary basis.

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The letter has been forwarded to Mr. Amory who will, undoubtedly, be in touch with us concerning the furnishing of administrative support and assistance.

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8. [redacted] reports that he has a study group working with [redacted] on the [redacted] Instruction Program and will be prepared for a meeting sometime soon. The sixty-four dollar question will, undoubtedly, be whether we have to go back to the Bureau of the Budget and obtain permission to spend funds previously approved for one location for similar purposes at another location, and, in some cases, to spend funds previously authorized for one purpose at one location for another purpose at the same location. I have alerted the Acting Comptroller on this matter but am reasonably certain that we should clear it with the Bureau of the Budget.

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9. Mr. Harrison, Joint Committee on Printing, returned my call of last week to Mr. Beech. I told him that I would get in touch with him upon my return from leave sometime during the week beginning 1 June.

10. Attended a Career Service Board Meeting with Mr. Wolf. [redacted] proposal to set up an administrative career service board within the DD/P area was presented. I spoke on this subject saying, in substance, that I believed such a procedure would be contrary to the best interests of the Agency, insofar as the long-range development of a corps of professional administrators was concerned, and that the objectives which [redacted] hoped to accomplish through this means could be accomplished by an administrative career service board which would have Agency-wide representation. The Chairman of the Board requested that [redacted] and I get together and try to work out an arrangement satisfactory to both of us for presentation to the Board at a later date. It was also agreed that the career designations of those individuals within the DD/P area which would be affected by this delay would be held in abeyance.

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