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The following are items of interest to Mr. Wolf which were discussed at the Deputy Directors' Meeting:

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Mr. Dulles mentioned the status of cover for [redacted]. The Director requested that we attempt to find some other cover for the man but implied that if we were unable to do so he might speak to [redacted] about it.

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later about this and found that he had coordinated with Personnel and Inspection and Security. In my opinion the situation is well in hand.

1. General Morris telephoned to inquire as to whether or not I knew anything about an applicant named [redacted] in whom Senator Fullbright is interested. I told him that I did not.

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2. At [redacted]'s request arranged for a bedroom on the midnight train to New York tonight for General Smith.

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3. Attended a meeting of the panel established by Matt Baird to select someone to attend the Harvard School of Business. Larry Houston was selected from the Office of the DD/A. The panel was unwilling to give serious consideration to Charles [redacted] (Comptroller's Office) because of the short time that he has been with the Agency. [redacted] of ORR was second choice, and [redacted] of OSI was third choice. There were only four candidates.

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4. At [redacted] request I advised Personnel that [redacted] returned to the United States on 12 November. When his accrued leave has expired he is to be placed on a "leave without pay" status and to be assigned to the Director's Office.

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5. Mr. Buffington advised me that the emergency plans had been concurred in by all interested parties. However, we agreed that it would be better not to publish them until twelve days have elapsed, during which time we will have participated in a city-wide air raid alarm.

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25X1A9a 6. [redacted] telephoned to say that he had not dispatched our cable to Gen-
 25X1A9a [redacted] concerning the handling of reserve personnel in [redacted] and added 25X1A6a
 25X1A9a that [redacted] Administrative Officer, is in Washington
 25X1A9a and wants to discuss the problem with us. I asked [redacted] to refer Colonel 25X1A9a
 [redacted] to General Morris and stated that if he wanted to discuss the matter with
 Mr. Wolf or me after having seen General Morris we would be glad to do so. (Incidentally, I think that we must work out some system which will insure that an area division does not hold up our cables without telling us that they are doing so. I am sure that it has been at least two weeks since we released this one.)

7. Ed Saunders advises me that Messrs. Macy and Perry, Bureau of the Budget, are coming over tomorrow afternoon and that he has made appointments for them to see Mr. Wisner concerning our cold war activities and [redacted] concerning 25X1A9a
 our communications activities.

25X1A9a 8. I supplied [redacted] with a brief memorandum advising him as to the amount
 25X1A9a of money which [redacted] station could borrow from the Credit Union and
 25X1A6a instructions for so doing. In my opinion, [redacted] financial situation makes him
 a risk in the [redacted] area and I think that we should return him to the States and 25X1A9a
 probably allow him to resign from the Agency.

9. I approved of Ed Saunders' request to be absent on Thursday of this week and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 10. Spent an hour with Ed Saunders and [redacted] of the Finance Division talk-
 25X1A9a ing about the [redacted] account. I sent them back to redraft a cable to [redacted] and 25X1A6a
 pressed my dissatisfaction at their being unable to iron this thing out before now.

25X1A9a 11. [redacted] returned General Morris' proposed letter to General Partridge
 25X1A9a concerning the exchange of reserve officers for active duty training. I have given
 25X1A9a this to [redacted] and requested that he discuss it with Mr. Wolf, along with 25X1A9a
 other information on this subject which [redacted] did not indicate to me he knew
 25X1A9a anything about. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 12. Met with Larry Houston and [redacted] of Personnel to discuss the [redacted]
 25X1A9a case. Agreed that Larry Houston would advise [redacted] lawyer that we would not
 proceed with our charges against [redacted] if he signed a resignation immediately
 to be effective on 31 December 1952. In the absence of [redacted] resignation 25X1A9a
 on our terms we will proceed with charges.

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 with Mr. Murphy, Special Counsel to the President, a pardon for our employees in-
 volved in the [redacted] case. General Donovan and the other lawyer on this case think
 that this is a very weak case on which to base an appeal and strongly recommend that
 we get the pardon, in which event there will, of course, be no appeal. H

25X1A9a 14. [redacted] has returned from the Far East and expressed some reservations
 25X1A9a about appointing [redacted] as Special Contracting Officer. If Mr. Wolf has

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not already closed this deal I suggest that he talk to [REDACTED] before doing so.

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15. [REDACTED] reports that the Director has approved of our recommendations concerning the use of [REDACTED]. In this connection I met with [REDACTED] and approved of the contractual arrangements which he has drawn up to handle housing at that site. H

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16. [REDACTED] tells me that there is to be a meeting in Mr. Dulles' office tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m. concerning [REDACTED] Maritime Training Program. [REDACTED] also mentioned this and indicated that Mr. Wolf would attend. Even if Mr. Wolf is convinced that requirements are realistic, I question use of the [REDACTED] site. It will be very expensive and I doubt the feasibility of continuing a training program at a location where staff housing is not available and where, if it should be available, it would require staff members to go by small boat 55 minutes each way to and from work. H

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17. Larry Houston reported briefly on his visit with Mr. Garrison and Mr. [REDACTED] in New York last Friday. Jim Garrison also telephoned to say that he wanted to go back to New York this Friday with Larry Houston or [REDACTED] to try to agree on settlement terms with [REDACTED]. I asked Jim to speak to Mr. Wolf about this tomorrow and to make sure that he had his approval before going to New York to see [REDACTED] again. H

18. Jim Garrison reports that his office is about to conclude an arrangement with the Navy wherein they will give us support comparable to that which we have been receiving from the Army. He is extremely pleased with the arrangement and thinks that the Navy is going "all out" to help us.

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19. Mr. Garrison advised me of an apparent irregularity concerning [REDACTED] in that we received more merchandise which was not good. The inspection certificate had been signed by [REDACTED] but the date on the certificate was a date on which [REDACTED] was at an entirely different location. H

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20. Jim Garrison reports that [REDACTED] is submitting a very voluminous and excellent report. Jim is preparing a brief to send to Mr. Wolf.

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21. Reviewed the proposed contract for Government Health Insurance with Joe [REDACTED] and agreed that it was a proper basis on which to begin negotiations. Emphasized again that no final commitments should be made without DD/A approval. H

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22. Approved of a travel order for [REDACTED] to go to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, for a finance conference from Monday to Wednesday of next week. While this may be stretching a point a little, I think that it is important for us to maintain our contacts with the services, and although the procedures discussed will be those applicable to the Army they will also, in part, be applicable to our own activities.

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23. [REDACTED] requests information as to whether the Director desires to send a printed Christmas greeting to all employees, and, if so, whether or not he has any specific ideas as to what it should be. Suggest that Mr. Wolf discuss this matter with the Director.