

DIARY NOTES

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1. Dr. Tietjen was over for a discussion on a number of points. He reports that:



a. the Mental Hygiene Program which they have been experimenting with is going very well and that in the Offices of Scientific Intelligence, Current Intelligence, and Research and Reports they already have more volunteers than they can take care of.

b. General Cabell has told him that he thinks doctors should accompany our senior people on trips. (The Director's recent trip was a precedent.) I commented that I thought probably this should be restricted to Mr. Dulles and General Cabell.



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c. he has agreed with Dr. Scoville that  will become Chief of the Medical Division in the Office of Scientific Intelligence when he returns to duty within the next few days.

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d. he has obtained a doctor for  whose name is 


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e. he and  have been holding weekly meetings with Gordon  and the FI people on subjects dealing with the handling of agents, etc. This has been going on for about five weeks and will continue at least until Gordon leaves his post to become Director of Personnel.

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f. General Cabell has suggested to him that we subsidize a 

g. he feels that not only because of our experience with dependents, but also because of the obligation which we are going to take on to provide medical benefits for dependents we have now reached the stage where we should screen all dependents going overseas. He estimates that we would

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average about 2.7 dependents for one employee. In order to provide the minimum screening of papers he will probably need two additional people. Those examinations which must be conducted as a result of this screening will demand more people. He, therefore, wishes to have a discussion with me in the near future as to his general table of organization and workload problem.

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h. he believes that his relations with Dr. [redacted] of the Technical Services Staff are going very well..Dr. [redacted] is working very closely with that Staff. He also thinks that the relationship between the Medical Staff and the Assessment and Evaluation Staff is satisfactory and says that Matt Baird got in touch with him this morning and requested that he forget all of the differences which the Medical Staff and the Assessment and Evaluation Staff have had in the past.

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2. John and I discussed the new medical program which follows the amendments to the Foreign Service Act of last year. He pointed out that while the foreign service legislation said that care for dependents must be provided, our Bill said it might be provided. After some discussion we decided to leave our language as is since we would have all of the authority we needed and still have flexibility.

3. Dr. Tietjen promised to submit to me in the not too distant future some rough estimate of the number of people who are not flexible as to assignments because of medical limitations.

4. Harry Reynolds requested permission to explore with the Red Cross people their request for a special solicitation for Hungarian relief. I agreed to do this but asked him to submit his recommendations to me as soon as possible.

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5. I met in executive session with the GEHA Board ([redacted], [redacted], John Tietjen, and Charlie Hulick) and advised them of my recent discussion with General Cabell concerning a statement made by one of our insurance people to the effect that insurance for jet pilots was unobtainable, when in fact this was not the case. I told the Board that I had asked Messrs. [redacted] to study the matter and requested that the Board itself get interested in it. Growing out of the AQUATONE case I explained that it would be Agency policy to provide insurance for all of our people, regardless of the risk involved, and that dividends, lower premiums, etc., were a good but very definitely secondary objective; furthermore, that when a case of extreme risk arose in which there was a question as to whether the insurance company or the Agency should underwrite the risk, the Agency and not the Board would make the decision. As we talked it was clear that the Board did not disagree with this philosophy but wanted to make sure that the decision was made on a very high level and probably by the Director. It was clear also

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that they put up a fight about the AQUATONE situation not because they were really afraid of jeopardizing our contract with Omaha, but because they thought that someone had pulled a fast one in insuring a group of people who were not bona fide staff employees or staff agents. In the final analysis, I agreed to draft a memorandum to the Chairman of the Board expressing the Agency position, in response to which he would concur.

6. General Cabell advised me that I would be the focal point for the Nash Committee and I told him that I would get in touch with Mr. Nash as soon as I had received a copy of his (General Cabell's) letter to him.

7. Matt Baird telephoned to say that he had reached an impasse with the Library in the Office of Central Reference which apparently wants to take over the Library in the Office of Training. He asked my permission to refer the matter to the Management Staff, and I not only gave permission but asked him to tell the Management Staff that I desired them to make a study of the situation and submit a report to me.

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8. At []'s request determined and reported to him that the trial in which [] is involved concerning windfall profits has proceeded in Baltimore. There have been pre-trial hearings and there will be a full-scale trial at a later date. Larry Houston has advised Marty to get a separate lawyer since he is merely a stockholder, whereas the others involved are members of the board.

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General Cabell buzzed with regard to this matter also, having received a letter from Congressman Teague of Texas which commented on the case and took [] to task generally. He felt that we must have a full-scale, formal investigation of the situation, and after some discussion turned the case over to Mr. Kirkpatrick with the request that Larry Houston and Shef Edwards cooperate. I have talked to both of them and have instructed them to do so. I also advised Jim Garrison and told him to tell Marty.

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9. Dr. Tietjen agreed to get in touch with []..and also to ask Colonel Edwards to do so...and to report back to me at a later date. After discussing Joe's case with him I withdrew Joe's name from the Supergrade agenda and will defer action on his promotion.

10. Dr. Tietjen has talked to [] about an overseas assignment but has not yet reached any final conclusion.

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11. With regard to [] remarks to the Director about recruiting, etc., Harry Reynolds says that he has known [] for a long time and 25X1

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thinks that he is a very fine man but that he is an "old woman" in many respects. His suggestion as to the best way to handle this was to forget the whole matter. I told him, however, that I wanted to ask the Director for permission to get in touch with Dr. [] so that I could give him a further briefing. Harry said he would be glad to participate.

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