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5 November 1956

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1. Lunched with [redacted] Chief of Station at [redacted]. There are no special problems, although I did review with him our impressions of his station which I did not have an opportunity to do before I left [redacted]

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2. Shef Edwards and [redacted] came to see me. Shef is worried about the increase in his ceiling that would result from running our own guard force in the new building. I told him that I thought we should not resort to any gimmick but merely face the facts of life and add these positions to his ceiling. The Director has already approved of our having our own guard force.

3. Shef is sending a man to New York to work with the architects. He is going to need some additional people to monitor the construction phase of our project. I told him that I would authorize whatever was necessary in addition to his regular T/O. Some of these people, if carefully selected, can be phased into the guard force when we actually go into the new building.

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4. Shef advised that [redacted] would probably submit a recommendation that we build an underground vault in lieu of adding to our Records Center at [redacted]

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6. Spoke to [redacted] about the necessity of arranging for a plan to evacuate [redacted] if necessary. This has been done. He also reported that in the course of disposing of certain documents [redacted] our cryptographic system had been destroyed; however, we are in contact and the operator is doing the best that he can from memory. Disregarding FCC Regulations, we have started direct transmissions [redacted]

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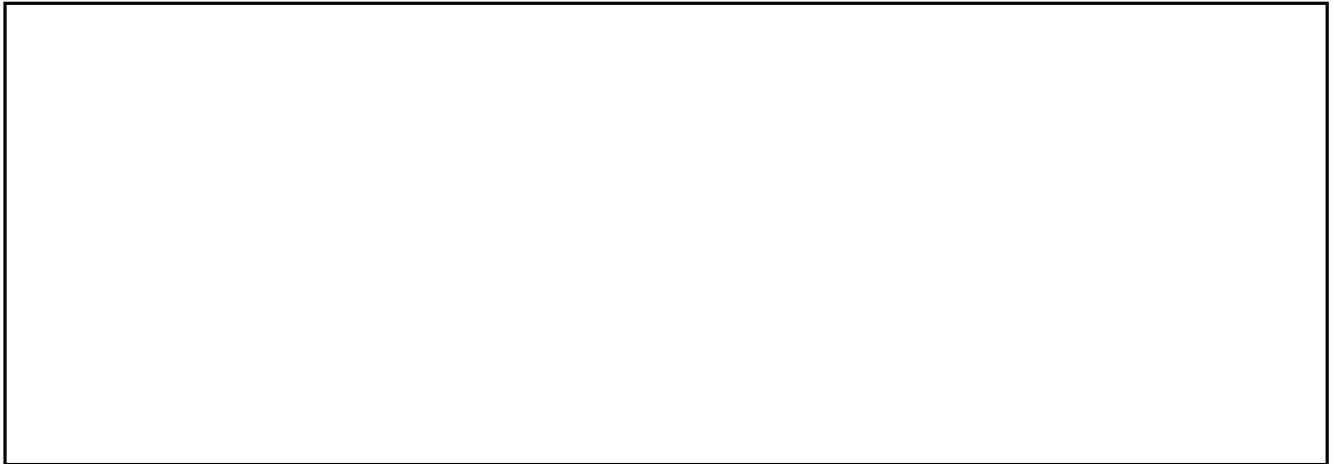
7. Harry Reynolds reported that [redacted] had been terminated in accordance with the Director's decision to this effect. [redacted] most certainly will cause trouble and proposes to appeal his case to [redacted]

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11. Lyman Kirkpatrick mentioned that due to competition in recruitment we were going to have to get our senior people to go back to their universities and help if we were going to get the kind of people we needed. I said that such a program was already started, but I must get Harry Reynolds and [redacted] to brief me on where we stand.

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12. [redacted] was in to discuss a number of problems.

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a. He is not happy about the effectiveness of [redacted] office in coordinating his problems with the FE Division and others. He suggests that if Karl were located in closer physical proximity to [redacted] office this might improve the situation. This is a part of the over-all problem of sorting out the line of command, which we must do with the Division while [redacted] is here.

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b. Karl is going to school and apparently was enrolled without George's knowledge.

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c. George assured me that he had no objection to [redacted] becoming a Vice-President in CAT.

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f. George says that [redacted] the Contracting Officer at [redacted] who is now a grade GS-14, has applied to him for a job. I gave him a green light to go ahead and explore the matter with [redacted].

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13. As a result of the [redacted] case (the man who got away with quite a bit of money [redacted] and is now in Mexico) Shef thinks that we ought to someday install a system of doublechecking on our people who handle large sums of money.

14. Shef confirmed that he had been requested to do a complete investigation, including a CE, of CAT. I should tell [redacted] about this.

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15. Shef suggests that we conduct a security check of our Latin American stations at least annually. I think that this is in order.

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16. With reference to Mr. [redacted] letter to Mr. Dulles, Harry Reynolds advised me that an employee of GHI actually offered to sell a list of 1,000 names to a foreign embassy for \$4,000.

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17. [redacted] buzzed to caution me that if any of our people should be invited to the Soviet Embassy's "October Revolution Party" on 7 November they should, of course, decline.

18. General Cabell called me after I had gone home and asked me to return to the office. Here he briefed me that the President was concerned at the [redacted] and directed that I take appropriate action within the DD/S area in the event that the war in the Near East should spread or become general. I notified all of our office heads and asked General [redacted] particularly to insure that alternate means of communication were available. He also sent a message to [redacted] and alerted the [redacted]. The Intelligence Advisory Committee met at 9:30 p.m. and turned out a national estimate sometime after midnight.

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