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28 March 1957

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1. Met with Messrs. Baird, O'Gara, [Redacted] Garrison, [Redacted] and General McClelland to discuss "space" and agreed upon certain moves which would free 20,000 sq. ft. of space for the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans). (See my Memorandum for the Record dated 28 March 1957, subject: "Space.")

2. Had lunch with the Administrative Chiefs from the DD/P area and advised them that we would get together periodically throughout the year----perhaps half a dozen times or so. Also advised them of the conference which we are going to have at [Redacted] starting on 29 April.

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3. [Redacted] telephoned to say that the latest report on "advances" which the Comptroller had published showed the Office of Training with twenty-three advances that were more than ninety days old. I asked him to stop by and have a talk with Matt Baird about this.

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5. Talked with [Redacted] John Tietjen, and Jess Balmer. We have all agreed that the assignment for Bob in [Redacted] as a Support Planner is entirely appropriate.

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7. I visited [Redacted] space and was told by the personnel in charge there that there would be conferences with [Redacted] during the week beginning 23 April after

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which they would have a pretty good idea about how much longer the Project would last. In any case, however, the Communications part of it can be cut back very substantially at any time. We concluded that at least one wing, approximately 2500 sq. ft., could be given up in time to fit in with our over-all plans for moving.

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8. I advised [] of the possibility of obtaining the services of General []. He is interested and I agreed to ask [] to call him. STAT

9. Dick Bissell was over to brief me on some aspects of Project AQUATONE----- there are a couple of possibilities in the wind for continuing it. One would be to form a private survey company, which would be done with the present HICON organization and Lockheed. The second would be to operate this vehicle from a carrier. Both are feasible, but the sole objective is to make it easy for the President to use the capability. Accordingly, he feels that the President should be asked about them before we proceed in either direction and he assumes that Mr. Dulles will approve of this. These possibilities, of course, would cost a considerable amount of money. Excluding them, however, he anticipates that AQUATONE will use about \$5,000,000 less than its budget provides for in Fiscal Year 1957. He agreed to furnish me with an estimate which would exclude the contingencies and then give me his best estimate as to the possible cost of the contingencies.

Dick also advised me that it had been agreed by Mr. Dulles and General Cabell, Frank Wisner, Dick Helms, and himself that the AQUATONE staff would be merged with the Air Maritime Division as an organizational unit in the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans). However, Dick would direct this unit from his present position, wearing a hat which would make him responsible to Frank Wisner for this particular activity. He said that he wanted to look into the placement of the Aircraft Maintenance Division in the Office of Logistics. I told him that I had no objection to this. (I suspect, however, that his motive is to avoid having to do business with Jim Garrison. While I, personally, would have no objection to transferring this unit to the Air Maritime Division, the Air Maritime Division people themselves are the ones who made the strongest case for placing it in the Office of Logistics initially. Furthermore, I gave up fourteen slots out of my Reserve in order to get it established, and if it is going to be transferred to the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) I do not propose to transfer the slots!) STAT

Dick also raised again the question of the promotion of [] and I told him that I was perfectly willing to talk to Frank if he wanted me to. He said that [] wanted to transfer from the Logistics Career Service to the Administration Career Service and I told him that I would not favorably consider such a transfer. He said that [] would forego the promotion to grade GS-14 in order to get the transfer and I told him that that would not make any difference in my decision not to accept him in the Administration Career Service. He also suggested that if we were going to build [] it might be well for [] to go out and build it. I told him that I felt sure that [] could do this but that inasmuch as we already had an engineer out

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there who was perfectly capable of handling this project it did not appear to me that it would be wise to send out there to do it.

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