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DIARY NOTES

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1. On Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 and 29 October, I participated at the Senior Administrative Officers' Conference [REDACTED]

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2. On Thursday, 30 October, I went to New York [REDACTED] to meet with Messrs. Harrison and Abramovitz to discuss those items which we might deduct from our best bid in order to insure that we can award a contract. They concurred in our proposal. H

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3. At the Deputies' Meeting Bob Amory reported that he had been told "through administrative channels" that the Bureau of the Budget had approved only 38-1/2% of our apportionment request because we had not been more responsive to their letter advising us that the President wanted all Agencies to make a 2% personnel cut. No one else knew anything about this and I undertook to report on it. (Through several conversations with [REDACTED] and Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, I learned that this was correct and I finally told Bob Macy that, while it would be quite inconvenient for us, we could rock along without any more money for a few more days. I also told him that this would mean that some accounts would be operating in the red but that I considered this less of an evil than trying to juggle the large number of accounts we had in order to make sure that they were all in the black. I also stated that if he had refused to give us our apportionment because we had not been more responsive to the 2% personnel cut letter we certainly would take a very dim view of it but that I saw no reason why this could not be settled on Thursday when we talked to him and Messrs. Stans and Jones. Sunday night [REDACTED] called me at home to say that Bob Macy had called and said that he had agreed to release 95% of the amount of money requested. On Monday, 3 November, Bob advised me that he and [REDACTED] were seeing Bob Macy to request releases from the reserve on three "5412 Projects." I asked him to brief me later.

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4. I called [REDACTED] of the Records Management Staff, and asked him to look into the possibility of putting in shelf filing in [REDACTED]. He will do so and I expect a report from him sometime soon.

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5. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were up to present their plan for the rotation of Senior Officers for the next two years. I approved their plan as presented.

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6. Mr. Sawyer, of the Highway Department, District Commissioner's Office, called to tell me that there would be some publicity in the papers over the weekend about the new Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. He assured me on behalf of Mr. Robertson that they were aware of their commitment to us to stage their construction so as not to make it necessary to tear down any of our buildings until we had moved out of them. (See Memorandum For The Record dated 4 November 1958.) H

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