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DIARY NOTES

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1. I talked to Emmett Echols about the personal interviews which are being conducted with people who are declared surplus. Unfortunately, the term "selection out" has been used, which, of course, has an entirely different connotation. In the case of [redacted] they also said that they knew nothing about any recommendation that he be permitted to leave when eligible for retirement. Emmett appreciates the importance of these interviews and I am confident that they will be ~~conducted~~ ^{conducted} properly in the future.

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2. Dick Bissell called to say that he was sending up the paper from the FE Division which recommended the termination of our occupancy of [redacted]. He said that while his concurrence was a real one he knew that there were many good arguments on the other side and that in all probability the Director would want to discuss this matter with us. I told him that I had an open mind on the subject but that I thought if we were going to give it up at any time in the foreseeable future the proposed transfer of admin-

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other hand, we both recognized that with the world situation being what it is and the saber rattling which is going on our need for a Base of this kind, even though not being used fully, if anything, would be stronger than it was a year or so ago.

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3. At the Director's request I arranged for [redacted] to see him to get instructions on the preparation of a paper to be presented to General Taylor concerning our capabilities to communicate from critical areas. Apparently, this is a Community effort in which all Government agencies are requested to report on to General Taylor.

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4. [redacted] was up to see me primarily about a recent cable from [redacted] in which he again blames all of his trouble on the management of CAT. In George's presence I dictated a memorandum to the Development Projects Division through the Deputy Director (Plans) suggesting that they instruct [redacted] to stop this 25X1A9a

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5. The Director, Jim Garrison, [redacted] 25X1A9a and I went to the new building, had lunch together, and discussed our problems and program from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. [redacted] has become completely disenchanted with the tile-covered dome because several of these which he has built have begun to cause a great deal of trouble. He now would like to change the covering to a metal of some kind that would not be nearly as attractive and that would, in fact, be quite expensive. He recognized that this was his mistake and he is willing to do whatever is reasonable to straighten it out. I am not sure how this will come out but it would appear that this change order, if issued, would cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000. He is going back to New York to think about it some more before making his final recommendation.

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6. John Tietjen telephoned to say that he planned to be on leave Monday and Tuesday, 31 July and 1 August, respectively. He also suggested that the Medical Staff be put on the program at our Support Officers' Conference in October. He felt that some of the new things, I assume those which he discussed at the DD/S Staff Meeting, might be interesting to these people.

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7. [REDACTED] was up to see me and had with him a Personnel Action which will transfer him to the Career Service of the Office of Logistics. I signed it and Jim Garrison has agreed to keep him on the rolls until his retirement in October, 1962. I told Bill, Jim and [REDACTED] that we must not let him remain in the slot of Administration Officer in the Office of Logistics since this would be a subterfuge and unfair to the other people who were surplus.

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