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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director spent some time discussing his forthcoming appearance before the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on Saturday, 1 July. It was his feeling that he should make recommendations to the Board as to changes which might be considered rather than being on the defensive in complying with recommendations which they may make. Specifically, he had in mind making a series of recommendations something like the following:

(1) Take steps to carry out General Taylor's recommendations with regard to responsibility and PM action. (As a first step this would require CIA to draw up a list of its assets and requirements.)

(2) In the future the Board of National Estimates be requested to estimate the likelihood of success of any large-scale PM operation.

(3) Consider changing the composition of the Board of National Estimates to provide two representatives from the Department of State and three from the Department of Defense; also to elevate the Chairman of the Board to a Deputy Director. (There was serious concern expressed about inviting State and Defense to nominate Board members without the Director retaining veto power. Most people seem to think that we would run serious risk of having the Board become a dumping ground rather than having the most outstanding persons available for this particular task.)

(4) Secure through USIB better guidance with respect to the intelligence requirements and perhaps have USIB approve requirements. (Serious reservations also were expressed about this inasmuch as it was felt that the Board would become bogged down with too much detail.)

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(6) Relieve the Director of Central Intelligence from briefing Congressional Committees, except Appropriations, Armed Services, and possibly the Atomic Energy Commission. (There were also serious

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reservations expressed about this recommendation. Most people felt that there had been only one or two leaks of any consequence as a result of the Director's appearance before Congressional Committees and that such appearances went a long ways toward bridging the gap which everyone admits exists. Apparently, this was the President's idea so the Director feels that he must make some recommendation in this regard. During this discussion the thought was expressed that a much more useful purpose would be served by curtailing public speeches made and press interviews granted. There seems to be no doubt that the President intends to bring strong pressures on the Agency to become more anonymous.)

(7) Arrange through USIB to implement recommendations which the Taylor Report made concerning "early warning." (During this discussion it was brought out that General Taylor will actually be the Chairman of what has been called the 5412 Group; however, it will probably be called the Strategic Resources Group in the future.)

(8) If the President's Board approves, steps should be taken to implement the recommendations made by the Joint Study Group which Mr. Kirkpatrick headed for the Director. Apparently, there is some feeling that since these recommendations were approved during the final hours of the last Administration there is some foot-dragging in the Community and questions in some peoples' minds as to whether the new Administration actually endorses these recommendations and for that reason it was thought important to get such an endorsement from President Kennedy's Board,

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(9) A joint CIA/State Task Force should be set up to examine all relations between the two agencies.

b. The Director again expressed his very strong belief that the Department of Defense should take over the responsibility for financing the [redacted] and was very forceful in his criticism to Mr. Bissell for having failed to bring about some final resolution of this matter.

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3. [REDACTED] was in to discuss his morale situation with me again. We spent most of the time talking about his salary; i. e., whether he should continue that of a grade GS-17 or resign as a civil servant and accept the \$30,000 salary which he is shown on the books as receiving. He indicated that he thought he would let the matter stand as is. (See Memorandum for the Record - DD/S-61-2272.)

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