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DIARY NOTES

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1. I talked with Bob Bannerman and Larry Houston about the possibility of writing to the newspapers or Congressmen who allege that CIA has been penetrated and demanding that they turn over to us without delay any evidence they have on this subject in the interest of national security. Apparently the case is very complicated, and this does not seem to be a particularly good idea at the moment.

2. John Clarke telephoned about the following items:

a. He said that he agreed with my opposition to central funding for the National Communications System including CIA.

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b. I talked to John about the memorandum I had received from Bud Wheelon which said that [redacted] had approving authority for the expenditure of all funds in connection with NRO projects. John confirmed that this was correct.

c. In talking with John I learned that DD/S&T is having some second thoughts about the advisability of taking over the Office of Computer Services. I take it that there has been some talk about turning the whole thing back to DD/S. I told John that I thought the front office would look a little silly doing an about-face so quickly, but it should be impressed upon DD/S&T that they must provide computer services to the whole Agency, not just their own Directorate. In this connection, I told John that I questioned the necessity of spending a considerable sum of money at this time to have a study made of our computer setup. He wholeheartedly agreed and said that he wanted to try to ensure that this is brought to the attention of Kirk and General Carter before any such contract is awarded.

3. I talked to Jack Earman about how I should approach the MKULTRA problem which General Carter has asked me to take a look at. He subsequently talked with General Carter, and it was agreed that I could defer action on this until Jack submits his report to General Carter. At that time I assume General Carter will refer the report to me for comment as to whether I can assume all the responsibilities which Jack is going to recommend.

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4. I telephoned Emmett Echols and asked him to follow the Morrison pay bill very closely and to be sure that we are prepared to take all implementing actions immediately if and when the bill actually passes.

5. Gates and I had a very fruitful meeting, I think, with Larry Houston, Bob Bannerman, John Tietjen, Emmett Echols, and Jack Earman to discuss "problem people." It was unanimously agreed that we have many problem people floating around and that supervisors in 1964 are not taking proper action to handle these people. It was also agreed that we need to develop some Agency mechanism or procedure which would focus on each of these cases from an Agency point of view. After considerable discussion it was agreed to do the following things:

a. Any case which comes to our attention as having been around for a long time and which has not been reported on or flagged in the integrated personnel file will be investigated by the Director of Personnel, probably through the Agency Disposition Board, to determine not only what should be done about that individual case but what supervisors if any have been responsible for not bringing the case to a head before that time. (Appropriate action would be taken to deal with the supervisor(s) as well as the individual.)

b. Any of us who know of a problem case which, from the Agency point of view, causes us to question his suitability should feed the case to the Director of Personnel, who will cause it to be considered by the Agency Disposition Board from an Agency point of view.

c. It may be necessary to set up a formal Employment Review Board to consider some of these cases.

d. This group will get together periodically to review "problem cases."

(Emmett Echols is drafting a more formal paper on this subject.)

6. Bob Fuchs telephoned to ask me to arrange for a briefing of Tom [REDACTED] on proprietaries. (I have requested Tom to set this up.)

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7. I had a long talk with [REDACTED] who felt that he had been "done in" by my memorandum concerning his remarks at a recent Financial Policy and Budget Committee meeting. Jack insisted that he did not say what he was reported to have said and that he certainly did not intend to cast any reflections

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on the Office of Logistics. I said that I would accept his statement that he didn't intend to cast these reflections but that I must accept the reports of Gates Lloyd and others with whom I had conferred that he did, in fact, indict the Office of Logistics. I didn't give Jack much quarter. In final analysis, however, I told him that I thought he should talk with Jim Garrison personally to try to build up a harmonious relationship with the Office of Logistics and that, in particular, he should make a greater effort to work with [REDACTED] instead of running him down at every turn in the road. As far as Jack's personal relationship with me is concerned, I told him that I thought he needed taking out behind the woodshed, that he now had been, and that as far as I was concerned this was a closed incident.

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