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DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned about the chairs which I approved yesterday for the DD/S&T Conference Room. On second thought, I don't know whether it will be possible for us to buy these chairs even if we want to. I told George to purchase them if it could slide through GSA without a ripple but that, if any questions are asked, they should back off immediately and report to me.

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2. I talked to [REDACTED] about having [REDACTED] sit in on Department of State meetings concerning the evacuation from Vietnam. Both thought that this was a fine idea, and Bill will lay it on with Marshall Jones, Executive Director of the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs of the Department of State.

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3. [REDACTED] of the Policy and Planning Staff of the Office of Finance and [REDACTED] Assistant to the Director of Finance for Automatic Data Processing, briefed me this afternoon.

a. They expressed their opinion that there would be a very substantial saving in manpower if we were not required to maintain separate systems for vouchered and unvouchered funds. In discussing the matter, we all remembered that we had made this decision when the General Accounting Office pulled out altogether and left the entire audit up to CIA. I believe that we did this so that, if the GAO audit ever resumed, they could start auditing the vouchered side with no difficulty. Since GAO originally performed the audit at the invitation of the Agency and if, in fact, there are substantial savings to be made, I question whether we are justified in maintaining two sets of books. In any case, I asked that a staff study on this subject be prepared for policy consideration.

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b. I also discussed with Ralph and Fred the conflict between Ralph's former duties in developing the FAN system and those he now has in connection with the [REDACTED]. We all agreed that both these chores were important and that it would be impossible for one man to do both. Sam

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[REDACTED] in the Office of Budget, Program Analysis and Manpower and [REDACTED] in the Office of Computer Services make up the team which has worked with Ralph on the FAN system. It seemed to make more sense to let Ralph continue with this system and to get somebody else to work with the [REDACTED] in the

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Office of Finance was thought to be well qualified to work with the [REDACTED] who works with [REDACTED] was thought to be a good candidate to work with Ralph or whoever is pushing the FAN system. (I want to talk with John Clarke and Bob Fuchs about this sometime very soon.)

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned regarding the following:

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a. He said that [REDACTED]'s mother had died and that Hugh was en route home. The burial will be tomorrow, and George is doing the necessary insofar as flowers, etc., are concerned.

b. George inquired about whether a decision had been made about General Cabell, and I told him that policy approval for his appointment as a member of the Board of Directors had been obtained and that I would ask Bob Bannerman to see that this is raised at the Board meeting next Tuesday, 16 February.

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5. I talked with [REDACTED] about any possible requirement for real estate and received negative responses. Therefore, I think that I can tell General Cabell that we have no requirement for [REDACTED]

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