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25X1 1. [redacted] Received a call from George Berdes, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who asked if the briefing next week on SALT for the Subcommittee could be changed to Thursday, 12 December, at 10:00 a. m. in H. 236 of the Capitol. After checking with Mr. Duckett's office, I told Berdes that this time appeared to be fine, but I would confirm later with Mr. Duckett.

25X1 2. [redacted] In the absence of William H. Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, I gave Rita Argenta, his Personal Secretary, a proposed response for Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi's use in replying to Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier (D., Wis.) concerning a letter from a constituent, [redacted]

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25X1 3. [redacted] Received a call from Rita Argenta, Personal Secretary to William H. Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, who told me the transcripts of the testimony of Dr. Schlesinger, General Cushman, James McCord and John Young are ready to be picked up for sanitization by the Agency. Miss Argenta also told me that Mr. Hogan would appreciate the return of the transcripts of [redacted]

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25X1 4. [redacted] Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him the Director's letter of 29 November 1974 relating to a withdrawal from the Reserve. McConnell will brief Chairman McClellan at his earliest opportunity.

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25X1 5. [redacted] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him the Director's letter of 29 November 1974 concerning a Reserve withdrawal. Preston needed no further briefing since he was up to date in this area of activity from previous briefings. 25X1

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6. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED] OCI,  
to a meeting with Norvill Jones, Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
staff, who will be leaving on Friday, 6 December, for China. He will  
be travelling with Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Frank Valeo,  
25X1 Secretary of the Senate, and some six or seven other persons. Since  
Jones had visited China with Senator Mansfield in 1972, the dialogue  
between himself and [REDACTED] was a rather cryptic question and answer  
session which was enjoyed by both parties. There are no follow ups from  
today's session.

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7. [REDACTED] Talked to Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee, who told me there are no definitive plans  
for floor action on the Foreign Assistance Act. The Committee report  
was filed on Friday and it is expected there will be further discussions  
in the Committee today with regard to various aspects of the floor action.  
Although it is always possible that the bill could be called up during the  
week, more than likely it will be scheduled for the week of 9 December.

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8. [REDACTED] Called Paul Summitt, Chief Counsel,  
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, and  
requested an extension of a few days for the submission of our comments on  
the latest Committee Print of S. 1 and S. 1400, the revision of the criminal  
laws. Summitt said anytime this week would be fine. We discussed briefly  
section 1124 of the bill, which establishes criminal sanctions for the  
unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Summitt said there has  
been considerable pressure from liberal groups against the measure. Senator  
John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) is intent on keeping the provision strong in  
Committee. Any changes will have to be made on the floor. Summitt personally  
feels that section 1524 will be defeated with the present climate in Congress.

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9. [REDACTED] Met with Charles Holmes, Administrative  
Assistant to Representative Bob Eckhardt (D., Tex.). I mentioned Mr. Eckhardt's  
reference, during the House debate on the privacy bill, H.R. 16373, to the  
problems of an unnamed female Agency employee which caused him concern.  
I made it clear that I was not probing or conducting an inquiry but only wanted  
to be of assistance if Mr. Eckhardt wanted to pursue the matter. Holmes said  
he had no knowledge of the case but will discuss it with Mr. Eckhardt and asked  
that I call him in a few days.

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25X1 10. [ ] Bill Skidmore, OMB, returned my call of Friday and I questioned him regarding the procedure for handling the submission of comments on S.1, the bill to revise Title 18 of the U.S. Criminal Code. Skidmore said under the circumstances they had waived OMB clearance procedures, that reporting agencies should submit their reports directly to the Committee as well as to the Department of Justice which is coordinating all comments for the Executive Branch. Skidmore said the bill was just too voluminous and complicated to go through the normal clearance procedures. I have advised [ ] OGC, who is preparing our reply on this.

25X1 11. [ ] Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and alerted him to the possible problems that might be encountered with the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill as modified by our language. I raised the Committee jurisdiction question with McConnell since the bill would cut off all funds under the Foreign Assistance Act or any other act for purposes of covert activities unless the President makes a finding and a subsequent report to the Congress. McConnell did not recall this amendment and thanked me for letting him know about it.

25X1 12. [ ] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the implications of the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill, S. 3394. I suggested some possible alternatives by which Senator Stennis might tackle this problem including the possibility of moving to delete the Hughes amendment with the understanding the Senate would then take up Stennis' amendments to the National Security Act, S. 2597. I said conceivably the House committee could then add the Director's Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation for acceptance by the Senate either on the floor or in conference, I told him I thought this was not too extreme a procedure in view of the fact that Senator Proxmire had successfully obtained Senate passage of a measure comparable to the Stennis bill although it failed in the House. Braswell said he thought it would be difficult to do this since Stennis would have to report his bill out of committee without having held hearings on it. In any event we agreed I would provide Braswell with a talking paper and possible colloquy for use on the Senate floor on this.

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25X1 13. [redacted] When notified there would be a Legislative Interdepartmental Group meeting at the White House tomorrow morning, I strongly urged Bud McFarlane, of the NSC staff, to have a member of the Justice Department present in view of the constitutional issues over the Hughes amendment. He thanked me for the suggestion and said he would take care of it.

25X1 14. [redacted] Received a call from Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said he and Pat Holt, Staff Director, had been informed by someone who they considered to be reputable (although not high-level) that he had information to the effect that Frank Carlucci, while

25X1 15. [redacted] Received a call from Greg Rushford, in the office of Representative Clarence Long, who was most apologetic and said he found that through a scheduling error, Mr. Long would not be able to receive our briefing on the Persian Gulf area on Wednesday. He suggested that we try a date sometime next week or the following week. I told him I would check on the availability of our briefers and be back in touch with him.

25X1 16. [redacted] Talked to a number of officials at OMB and State Department concerning steps the Administration would be taking in connection with the amendment in H. R. 17488 to phase out the tax exemption for overseas allowances for Government employees. General indications were that effective steps are being taken and there is little likely prospect for favorable action on this amendment this Congress, but we will have to stay on top of it. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 17. [redacted] In connection with his call of Wednesday, 27 November 1974, advised [redacted] PFIAB staff, that there was nothing in our records inconsistent with what he had reported to Governor Rockefeller based on PFIAB records, e. g. , that the 3 and 4 December 1970 briefings of PFIAB on Chile were post mortem in nature. See Memorandum for the Record.

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