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Thursday, 9 October 1952

1. Advised the Director of our intention to hold Deputies' dinners on alternate Thursdays, the first to be held this coming Thursday. DCI declined our invitation to attend.

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3. Indicated to the Director that I would appreciate sitting in at some time during his talk with General Shortt, whom I had not met. Later the Director called me and we chatted with General Shortt on mutual problems. One point made by him was that they tended to confine intelligence specialization to the lower ranks and found it helpful to have broad-based experience in the senior intelligence posts. I commented that this was comparable to our use of General Bull and Admiral Bieri on the Board of National Estimates. General Shortt also inquired as to our use of external research and our use of consultants and we outlined the facts on these points. Following this meeting I indicated to General Shortt the wish to have a more extended talk with him and suggested that we try to have dinner together some time next week, if that suited his schedule. General Shortt indicated that, if necessary, he would stay over for an additional day. I later indicated to [REDACTED]

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4. Attended NSC Senior Staff meeting on Iran policy paper. At this meeting I briefly reviewed the Special Estimate on Iran, emphasizing the emergency import of the paper.

5. Met with Dr. Hoover on the summary evaluation paper and he undertook to have the various papers ready for a conference with General Samford on Friday morning. I arranged to see General Samford at that time.

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6. Chatted with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a who is proceeding to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a ultimately to be a member of the [REDACTED] I outlined to him my view as to the functions and opportunities of that unit and found that he was entirely in accord with the Intelligence Offices' concept of what such a unit could do. One point which I stressed was the value of having a local unit which could screen requests for intelligence support from the Operational Offices with a realistic concept of its own capabilities and which would refer to Washington those requests which were beyond its current capabilities. I also informed [REDACTED] of the facts respecting the current survey of the intelligence needs of the Operational Offices and found that he was heartily in accord with the objectives of this survey. 25X1A9a

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7. Chatted with Mr. Carey and expressed pleasure at the newly-instituted analysis [redacted]. He inquired as to whether this publication should be included in the President's Book and I expressed the view that it should, if only to call attention to this new service. I later spoke to [redacted] about this.

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8. Chatted briefly with Mr. Carey as to the problems of [redacted] and arranged to meet with [redacted] representatives Monday and Friday of next week. During this discussion I concurred strongly in DCI's view that representatives of [redacted] would have to understand that their undertakings to sources were qualified by the Director's responsibility to determine the security interests of the U.S.

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