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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller 23 December 1965

- 1. Alan Warfield was in to discuss several items.
- a. I approved a DD/S proposal to close down power for about two hours on Sunday, 23 January, for test purposes. I cautioned Alan to publish a timely notice.
- b. I discussed the organization and manpower control regulation with Alan and asked him to effect a limited and quick coordination by 10 January.
- c. We discussed acquisition of the and I encouraged Alan to get in touch with the owners to renew our interest. I also agreed that we should write a letter to the Fairfax County authorities similar to the one we wrote last year objecting to any rezoning of this tract.
- 2. General Cabell delivered to me the section of his memoirs about his years at CIA with an accompanying, self-explanatory letter to Admiral Raborn. He pointed out that he has not contacted anyone in the Agency since he does not want word to get out that he is contemplating publishing his memoirs before he has a chance to contact a publisher. He said that the entire manuscript was written almost from memory. He also said that he felt the memoirs would do CIA a great service and that he would be glad to receive any suggestions on how they might be improved. He was emphatic, however, that, if he accepts any suggestions, he would put them into his own words. He wants to make very sure that, whether or not his memoirs are published, they are entirely his own work. Later in the day I advised Dick Helms that I had received these papers from General Cabell. We agreed that, initially at least, we would ask Howard Osborn and Walt Elder to read them. (At the Morning Meeting on 27 December Dick mentioned that we had received this manuscript. He also urged those present not to mention the fact that General Cabell is about to publish his memoirs. After the meeting Larry Houston stopped in to say that General Cabell had told him about his plan to publish his memoirs and had suggested that Larry might like to read them. Larry said that he would be glad to review them if we wanted him to do so.)

3. I approved of John Clarke's taking annual leave from 23 December 1965 to 4 January 1966.	
4. Jack Earman buzzed to say that he had read Larry Houston's draft paper on use of the Director's authorities and was somewhat concerned about it. The paper gives the impression that there is no problem, whereas Jack, apparently supported by feels this is not the case. I authorized Jack to show Larry some of the examples which he has uncovered in recent surveys to support his feelings.	25X1
5. Bud Wheelon and alked with me about the paper, which was already overdue, delineating their respective responsibilities in connection with the overhead reconnaissance program. They are now coming forward with a paper with which they are in agreement spelling out these responsibilities. I gathered that the only significant	25X1
change from the draft prepared earlier by and Hank Knoche is that Bud would attend the NRO Executive Committee Meetings instead of John Bross. They have not discussed this with John.	25X1 25X1
took to do so and anticipated that John would also concur.	25X1
7. I talked to Dick Helms about my meeting with the Deputies on 16 December concerning the possibility of reorganizing the old Supergrade Review Board or formalizing supergrade review panels at the Deputy Director level. The latter would be entirely acceptable to him, and I undertook to proceed with this arrangement.	
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8. Alan Warfield talked with me about the case and I agreed that he should be encouraged to resign. If this does not resolve the problem, Alan should speak with me again before applying further pressure.	
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9. I talked with Bud Wheelon and about Bud's	25X
earlier proposal to replace Jack Ledford eventually with a civilian	
CIA careerist. We agreed that this proposal would not fly, particu-	
larly at this time, and that, if Jack does leave, which I am told he	
will do sometime next spring or summer, we should replace him	
with an Air Force officer. Bud and believe that	25X
now the NRO Chief of Staff, will be available and would be eager to	20/
have the job. They also think that, if someone like Peer deSilva could be made available to replace the job of Deputy	0.51/
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Director of NRO, which is now held by might eventually	25X
become surplus to everybody's needs. I said that, while I did not	
know very well, he impressed me as being a first-	
rate officer and that I would certainly have no objection to his replac-	
ing Jack Ledford. I emphasized, however, that I thought any moves	
or even suggestions at this time which might lead to the elimination	
or downgrading of job would be most unfortunate and	
probably counterproductive. We agreed that should	25X
probably remain in place as Deputy Director of Special Activities for	
the time being. Both Bud and believe that OSA could stand a	25X
10 percent tightening up in manpower, budget, etc., and want a strong	
finance man to work for in this area. They do not want this to	
be done from John Clarke's staff, although they would welcome greater	
participation by John's staff in the whole NRO program. We discussed	
as a possibility for the job, and on Monday, 27	
December, I authorized Bud to discuss this possibility with	25X
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10. Bud Wheelon was in to discuss the following:	
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a. Bud solicited my views on his taking a trip of about one	
month to the Near East and Europe	25X
He wants to take about ten young DD/S&T officers	25/
with him, primarily for their morale and as payment for the con-	
tribution they have made to developing the contribution they have made to developing the	
tribution they have made to developing the system. This would entail the charter of a C-118 and, of course, con-	257
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siderable expense. I told Bud that I was pretty cold to the whole	
idea and would certainly have to check it out with Dick Helms.	
We agreed to discuss this with Dick together.	
b. Bud also solicited my views on a repeat performance of	
last year's trip to	25X
Last year with General Carter's permission he used the	
Gulfstream and took his wife along and stayed for several days.	
He was frank to say that the trip was half business and half vaca-	
tion. I told Bud that the Director had declined to use the	
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Gulfstream for his Christmas trip to Florida since he took his wife with him and suggested that Bud take a leaf out of the Director's book.

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