

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

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21 July 1965

1. Along with Ray Cline and a number of other Agency personnel, I participated in a briefing by the Joint War Games Agency of The Joint Chiefs of Staff. This particular briefing had to do with cold-war gaming. Their pitch was to interest CIA in full participation in the program and, hopefully, to get CIA to sponsor a cold-war gaming exercise at some future date. They hoped that they would still have an opportunity to brief the Director sometime and offered to come back at his convenience. I assured these gentlemen that they could count on full support and participation by the Agency. I hesitated to commit the Director to sponsor an exercise but said that this was something which we could decide at a later date. The first scheduled exercise starts Monday, 26 July, and continues for four days. Agency participants have been selected; this is all in train. After the meeting I met with Ray Cline and [redacted] of the Collection Guidance Staff to inquire as to who or what component in the Agency was the focal point for coordination of Agency war gaming exercises with the Joint War Games Agency at the Pentagon. I found this to be very fuzzy and no one seemed to know who had the responsibility. In fact, I think that no focal point has ever been designated. [redacted] because of his interest in this area, had acted as the Agency coordinator and since his death [redacted] has picked up the ball and has coordinated Agency interest for the next exercise. I asked [redacted] to consult with other interested officials in the Agency and to give me a recommendation within the next few days as to what component should have this responsibility. I want to follow through to ensure that this is formalized in some way because these war games take place about once a month and rather senior personnel participate in them. With regard to the memorandum of 12 July from Admiral C. J. Van Arsdall, Chief, Joint War Games Agency, I told Ray and [redacted] that this should have been answered promptly and briefly without making any commitment. However, now that we have had the briefings, we should answer the memorandum promptly by thanking them for the briefing, assuring them that they will have our full participation in the program, and telling them that we will designate an official focal point within the next few days.

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2. I met briefly with General Dwight Johnson [redacted]

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3. I spent the afternoon in the "tank" with John Clarke and [] in preparation for the Director's meeting with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on Friday, 23 July.

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4. [] was in to see me on behalf of [] to split hairs again about who is responsible for selecting Agency speakers. I told Jack that, in spite of [] interpretation of semantics in Action Memorandum No. 281, it was intended that this be an Office of Training responsibility and I will explain this to []

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5. I spoke with Dr. Tietjen about OSA's desire to continue utilization of [] I will meet with John and Bud Wheelon about this as soon as it can be arranged.

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