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18 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Headquarters Building

1. I talked with Mr. Max Elliott, General Counsel of General Services Administration, about our situation on the building and told him that Colonel White and I on our own and without any approval from the Director wanted to discuss a possible working arrangement with GSA which we might be able to recommend to the Director. Mr. Elliott said he was approaching the problem on exactly the same basis so that any discussion was without prejudice to our respective superiors.

2. I pointed out that we did not feel the signing of the contract was any real problem, as if all other things were worked out GSA probably should sign. I said most of the points had been discussed in our earlier attempts to reach agreement and that there was a draft paper which came very near to the satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Elliott agreed. I said one point I felt might be sticky arose from my understanding that standard FDS contract prohibited participation by the architect and supervision of construction. Mr. Elliott said he was not aware of this and if that were standard provision he did not feel it would be too difficult to waive it. He felt the sticky point might come from the Administrator's insistence that there be more than one architect-engineer firm. I said we had never withstood additional architects, what we had stood on was that Mr. Harrison should have the final say on architect problems and that additional architects or engineers should be acceptable to him. If this were understood we would have no objection to retention of additional firms by GSA. Mr. Elliott thought this might be acceptable.

3. In order to proceed, I suggested that I take the agreement that had so nearly been acceptable to both sides and try to redraft it in line with our discussion and see Mr. Elliott on it when he returned to town next week.

LS/
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

cc: DD/S

10 February 1956

STATINTL

Memorandum for: [REDACTED]

The attached list of Congressional contacts on the CIA building were discussed with the Director last night, and he agreed to take the following actions today:

- a. He will call Senator Russell and request him to set up a meeting as soon as possible of the Armed Services Subcommittee on CIA. At this meeting, the Director will be able to inform Senators Russell, Saltonstall, Bridges and Byrd of his decision on the Langley site;
- b. The Director will call Senator Hayden and request him to call an informal meeting involving himself and Senators Chavez, Stennis, and Robertson, all members of the Appropriations Committee, for the purpose of hearing the Director's intentions on the CIA building;
- c. He will call Chairman Vinson and Dewey Short of the Armed Services Committee; and
- d. He will call Chairman Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee and ask him to call an informal meeting involving himself and Messrs. Taber and Mahon for the same purpose.

Norman S. Paul
Legislative Counsel

Attachment

IG:NSP/blc

Orig. - Add.

- 1 - DD/Support ✓
- 1 - General Counsel
- 1 - Col. Grogan
- 2 - Stayback