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1. Talked with Bryce Harlow at the White House concerning the material he forwarded to the Agency regarding Kilsoo Haan and Representative John W. McCormack's (D., Mass.) interest in the matter. I pointed out that Bill Macomber, State Department, had talked to McCormack on 11 September and apparently McCormack was satisfied. Therefore, I suggested no written communication was necessary or even desirable and possibly Harlow might wish to call McCormack or I would be glad to do so. Harlow, however, suggested that the DCI might do this.

2. Talked with Colonel G. S. Eckhardt in General Twining's office concerning Representative McCormack's letter regarding Kilsoo Haan to General Twining. I briefed him in general terms on the situation and he indicated that they had merely acknowledged receipt of the material at this point and he would bring our knowledge of the situation to Captain L. P. (Pat) Gray's attention upon his return.

3. Max Lehrer, Assistant Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, telephoned inquiring about the Vice President's statement that the Soviet moon shot was unsuccessful several times in the previous two weeks. After discussion with the Director and General Cabell, I met with Kenneth Be Lien, Staff Director, and advised him that the information concerning failures came from very sensitive sources and, consequently, the Agency found it difficult to comment officially. It could be stated, however, that the successful attempt came as no surprise. As further background, Be Lien was advised that there were several attempts with the same vehicle which eventually was launched. Be Lien grasped the situation completely and indicated he thought he could handle it with Senator Johnson.

At this point Max Lehrer joined the group and the subject was discussed in much more general terms. Be Lien taking the lead and indicating that there was sensitive information involved and that they would not go into it further. Lehrer ~~then~~ asked the question of whether

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4. Captain Gray telephoned mentioning that Assistant Secretary Lincoln had chatted with the DCI about General Twining having a look at the Director's statement before the Mahon Subcommittee. Gray said this had been done not knowing of existing arrangements between Gray and Warner. Captain Gray also advised he had talked with Mr. Mahon who had no objection if Gray sat in the hearings so long as Mr. Dulles did not object. I assured Gray on this point.

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6. Max Lehrer, Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, telephoned suggesting that we do a sweep of the room. Also he thought we might like to look in the room in the next day or two since it is in a construction stage and our technical people might have some suggestions.

Lehrer again asked if we knew the subject of the Director's speech on the 26th. I told him I did not but would try to get him a copy as soon as it was available.

7. Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) telephoned and was quite apologetic for not having contacted the Agency earlier but he had had considerable trouble with a dental problem. He asked if he could see the Director on Saturday, 9 January, at 10:30 a.m. After confirmation with DCI, this time was set up for Senator Symington to come to the Agency tomorrow morning.

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