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Digest of Staff Conference, 12 January 1954

TO Chiefs of Offices and
Staff Divisions

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13 Jan. 1954

COMMENT NO 1

1. CHIEF OF STAFF

Stated that the large number of absences incident to the snow 11 January was not justifiable. It is realized that under the circumstances a certain amount of late arrivals must be expected; however, many of our functions must continue and the matter will be brought immediately to the attention of all Agency personnel.

EO 3.3(h)(2)
PL 86-36/50 USC 36052. SPECIAL ASSISTANT (Mr. Friedman)

Referred to the work being undertaken on the NSA Disaster Plan. Recognized the advance by PERS. in providing for the categorization of NSA specialties, but stressed the urgent need for additional data from the Chiefs of Offices and Staff Divisions to ensure that PERS may arrive at a first-rate categorization of these specialties.

3. R/D

a. Reported that Philco had constructed a transistorized "breadboard" model of the AFSAY D-808, but the unreliability of transistors, when subjected to high temperatures, remains a problem.

b. Announced that R/D will hold a symposium at 0900 hours, 15 January 1954, at the ABE Theater, to present the progress NSA has made to further the application of the magnetic theory to NSA equipments.

4. C/SEC

a. Noted that eight AFSAM 7's were delivered to Armed Forces Courier on 11 January for forwarding [redacted] departing on maneuvers.

b. Remarked that an NSA Installation team is scheduled to depart shortly to install two SUCO's at UEM 61 by February 1954.

5. DCS/P

Recommended NSA indicate actual names of coordinating or action parties upon "Memorandum for Record" to expedite the procedure of contacting these persons.

6. V/DIR

Advised that negotiations with the [redacted] on the subject of intercept sites was progressing very well.

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7. LEGAL ADVISOR

Discussed the problem occurring when employing consultants retired under Social Security Retirement. Stated that when NSA complied with DA directives and deducted Social Security taxes from their salaries, their retirement pay is discontinued; therefore, action has been taken to have DA amend their regulations to cope with this circumstance. In the interim, to circumvent this ungainly situation, consultants will be hired under Personal Services Contracts.

8. PERSONNEL

a. Announced that pending revision of the pertinent Agency directives, the new Agency policy pertaining to draft deferments would be as follows: "No request for draft deferment will be generated unless it is considered so important that the Director's personal time should be taken to intercede with Gen. Hershey, Director of Selective Service. However, it was further pointed out that it would seem to be poor management not to train a substitute to take over another's work in the event he is drafted.

b. Stated that action has been taken to obtain temporary overstrength authorizations during FY-55, 56, and 57, to account for projected losses or unusual attrition expected during the interim move to Fort Meade.

9. HoC

Reported that the power circuitry will be energized over the week-end for the NSA-63 equipments to be installed at NSS.

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