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5. [] Met with Joanne Bailey, in the office of Representative Lawrence G. Williams (R., Pa.), on a constituent letter asking the Congressman to comment on the CIA involvement in heroin traffic from Laos to Vietnam and gave her a fact sheet for her use in drafting a suitable reply to refute the charges. Miss Bailey is new on the job and asked for guidance on how to handle inquiries in the future concerning CIA and I explained the "no comment" policy and that if it is helpful we would be glad to work up suggested replies.

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6. [] Met with Mrs. Peckham, in the office of Representative Charles Thone (R., Neb.), on a constituent letter implicating CIA with the current drug problem and gave her a fact sheet for her use in preparing a suitable reply without attribution to the Agency. She said she wasn't sure that the constituent deserved a reply.

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7. [] Left with Hendrick Gideon, Senate Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization staff, some material on the organization of the intelligence community that he had requested (see Journal of 25 May).

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8. [] In followup of his call of 21 May, met with Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, and he pointed out several passages of special interest in the book Venceremos Brigade, recently published by Simon & Schuster, and told me that in about a week he would make available to us a transcript on an individual being detained in the Virgin Islands who alleges detailed knowledge of training of revolutionaries in Mexico and Haiti. []/H Division, has been advised.

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9. [] Robert Hull, Department of State, advised that Howard Mace, Deputy Director General and Director of Personnel, will be appearing before the Hanley Subcommittee, 2 June 1971, and in his testimony will support full exemptions for CIA, NSA, Defense, FBI and State and, in addition, that the President be given the authority to designate "critical-sensitive" positions to which the bill would not apply.

With respect to the HEW proposed legislation to provide for a transfer of credit between Civil Service and Social Security, Hull said that State would most likely defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission.

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