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21. (Unclassified - JMD) Called Colgate Prentice, ~~State Department~~ and told him Mr. Colby would be happy to speak to his group on 15 July at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Prentice said he would confirm this with the group and get back in touch with me. Later he called and confirmed the date and time. He said this is a group of people who either work for Republican members now or formerly worked for Republicans. He said there are about 25 people in the group now. Prentice said they would like the Director to come to room 2202 Rayburn House Office Building (Representative Joseph McDade's office) on 15 July. He said either Hyde Murry, of the House Agriculture Committee staff, or Frank O'Gorman, of McDade's office, would be in touch further since Prentice will be out of town for several weeks.

22. (Unclassified - JMD) Roland McElroy, in the office of Senator Sam Nunn, called and said the Senator wanted to talk to someone about the seizure of the U.S. Merchant ship by the Cambodians. He said the Senator wanted more information than what was being given out by the press. I told him as far as we could determine that was all the information available at the present time but I would have [] call the Senator directly and discuss it with him. (Messrs. Cary and [] were on the Hill at briefings.)

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[] called later to advise he had talked with the Senator who asked if [] was absolutely certain there was no intelligence involvement. [] assured him there was none.

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23. (Confidential - GLC) Called Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed with him the press article over the weekend which reported that Senator Church has decided against allowing Agency witnesses to have a "monitor" present when they appear before the Senate Select Committee. I reviewed the background of this with Braswell as I had with Jim Calloway, Senate Appropriations Committee staff. I then discussed with him the various aspects of a witness' right to counsel and the possible advantages of having a special counsel for the Agency as in the Army/McCarthy hearings. No conclusions were reached, but Braswell seemed to share the view expressed by Calloway that an Agency employee should be permitted to have counsel present if he chooses without having to bear the expenses of that counsel's fees. In this connection, we also discussed the matter of representation by Agency or Justice Department attorneys.

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