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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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1 July 1947

SUBJECT: Temporary Duty Travel

TO: General Carl Spaatz, 03706, USA  
Headquarters Army Air Forces

1. GENERAL CARL SPAATZ, 03706, USA, accompanied by LT COLONEL ROBERT E. KIMMEL, 032926, AC, will proceed on or about 2 July 1947, from Washington, DC, to the following-named places on temporary duty for approximately ten (10) days in connection with AAF matters; and upon completion thereof will return to Washington, DC:


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3. Authority is granted to make variations in itinerary and to proceed to such additional places as may be necessary.

4. AR 35-4820 applies. TDN. 802-7200 P 432-02 A 2180425 S 49-035.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SPAATZ:

  
H. G. ELLISON  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Air Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
Office of the Commanding General  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

5 May 1949

Lieutenant General Curtis E. LeMay  
Commanding General  
Strategic Air Command  
Offutt Air Force Base  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Curt:

In accordance with your request in your letter of 25 March, attached are lists of officers of the Eighth Air Force whom I consider outstanding. The officers listed have been assigned to the Eighth for a considerable length of time and I feel that I know them very well and have not been mistaken in any of them. In any listing of outstanding officers, certain of them are undoubtedly superior officers; but there is always some lingering doubt in the mind of anyone making up the list as to whether or not they are "outstanding" among superior officers. For example, on my list, I have included, after considerable thought, Sam Gershon. Sam certainly is an outstanding officer in a lot of respects, but, at the same time, he is gross as hell in a lot of respects and I am not sure he is the kind of officer we would ever want to promote much above his present grade. He is the only one on the list I have submitted, with the possible exception of Williams on my headquarters list, whom I do not consider material for eventual unlimited promotion.

There are some officers who have been with the outfit a very short time and who, in my mind, will undoubtedly become outstanding, but I feel I should work with them a while before I put them on any list I consider as seriously as I do this one. I am maintaining a roster of these people and intend to follow their development very closely. I will, from time to time, if you are interested, give you additional information on this particular list. I would like to point out, however, that this list is one that considers absolutely outstanding, superior officers and that it doesn't attempt to list all the officers in the Eighth Air Force whom I consider superior officers.



Lieutenant General Curtis E. LeMay

5 May 1949

Curt, I am very much concerned about absorbing officers in this headquarters who are known throughout the command as poor officers. I can't expect the wings to keep poor officers but at the same time, it runs down the prestige of the staff to have some clunk on it who has already demonstrated his poor efficiency. Right now, I am very much concerned with Robinson and Blain, both of whom completely failed with the 97th at Biggs.

I completely realize that you are faced with the same proposition when they come to your headquarters but at the same time, we have got to figure out something to do with those officers. I personally don't think Robinson would ever be worth a goddam anywhere and I am saying as much on my efficiency report, but I am sure at a complete loss as to what to do with him. He reports one of eight of the most senior officers in this headquarters and that is a pretty high percentage of dead wood to be carrying. If any such consideration of getting rid of the guy now is out of the question since all of his efficiency reports up to the time he came with this command have been very high ones, I would appreciate any light you can throw on this problem.

Sincerely,



ROGER M. RALEY  
Major General, USAF  
Commanding



## OUTSTANDING OFFICERS

### Hq Eighth Air Force and Wing Commanders

#### Colonel Cecil E. Combs, AO 20 121

Colonel Combs has an outstanding record as a Combat Commander and has very extensive experience as a staff officer under both war and peace conditions. His background and ability mark him as one of the future leaders of the Air Force. His broad experience and general adaptability fit him for any command or staff position of great responsibility of the Air Force.

#### Colonel John A. Roberts, AO 33 914

An exceptional officer whose service has been distinguished by his ability as a leader and a Combat Commander, possesses unusually strong determination and good judgment. His record of 143 combat missions and 906 combat hours is evidence enough for his personal courage. Since his assignment to staff duties with Headquarters Eighth Air Force, his adaptability has been demonstrated by his outstanding performance of duty as Chief of Staff.

#### Colonel Clarence S. Irvine, AO 16 630

This officer's career, starting in 1918, has given him very wide experience in maintenance and operations. His abilities in flight planning are well-known and he has continuously demonstrated his outstanding capabilities in this field. He is very active and has demonstrated a great deal of originality in seeking to raise the combat capabilities of his wing.

#### Colonel James C. Selser, Jr., AO 20 427

This officer's experience with the Air Force dates from 1934. He has had extensive experience in the Training Command and with military missions to South America. Since 1945, he has had service with B-29 and B-50 units as Bomb Group and Wing Commander. He continually plans ahead, anticipates trends and energetically acts to arrive at the proper solution of his problems. He is very persistent on the follow through of his responsibilities. His base is a well-run, closely knit military establishment.

#### Colonel William H. Blanchard, AO 21 223

Colonel Blanchard is a particularly energetic and resourceful commander and operational expert. He is outstandingly thorough, aggressive and experienced in strategic bombardment operations and planning, and has consistently produced superior results in command and staff positions. An



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extrovert, he obtains cooperation and team response with little apparent effort. This officer inherently possesses the combination of qualities of the superior leader. His past performance is well-known and he has continued to achieve the same final results.

Colonel Ashley B. Packard, AO 21 169

This officer's services has included assignments as Director of Flying, Director of Training, Division A-3, Commanding Officer of an overseas fighter group, and, at present, as Wing Commander of the 27th Fighter Wing. He has a very thorough knowledge of fighter operations and has shown high capability as a base commander. He has a very open mind and strives for continual advancement of his military potential through learning from field experience.

Colonel John B. McPherson, AO 23 538

Colonel McPherson is a particularly well-balanced officer with wide experience in both Ground and Air Forces. His Air Force background has been mainly in the bombardment operational field, with the last two years in personnel and administration. Colonel McPherson combines leadership and a comprehension of the military activities at the various command levels to produce outstanding results as a personnel staff officer. His potential as a commander appears equal to his known staff abilities.

Lt Colonel James H. Thompson, AO 33 521

Lt Col Thompson has an extensive background in all types of bombardment operations. He is forceful and aggressive in achieving results while at the same time he possesses a high degree of tactfulness and cheerfulness. He is thoroughly qualified in all phases of training, tactical planning, and operations peculiar to the Eighth Air Force. His stamina, energy and resourcefulness give him a great capacity for getting things done.

Lt Col Edwin M. Kirton, AO 30 380

Lt Colonel Kirton, a non-rated officer, is outstandingly qualified in the various levels of Air Intelligence duties. As a staff officer, his work is complete, accurate and sound. He is loyal and sincere, aggressive in planning ahead, cheerful in acceptance of responsibility. He is particularly well qualified in strategic air intelligence through war experience with long range bombardment and through enthusiastic participation in the combat intelligence programs within the Strategic Air Command. Thorough, persistent, and conscientious, this officer can be depended upon to accomplish his objectives with superior results.







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*TOGETHER W/ BIRTHDAY  
PARTY FOR GEN MOLLISON  
IN BALL ROOM #4*

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9:00 Rawlings	3:00
9:30 Ben Pearce	3:30
10:00	4:00 Dental appt - St. Vincent - Rm 1015 Gravelly Pt
10:30 Doolittle	4:30
11:00 C/S Meeting	5:00 15 - Mr Pettrick + Mr Lawrence - Reaction Motors - Gene LeMay
11:30 Kissner	5:30
12:00 JCS	6:00
12:30	6:30 <u>Jim Underwood</u> Statler Hotel
1:00 JCS Luncheon	7:00 TOGETHER W/ BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GEN MOLLISON IN BALL ROOM #4
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June 19, 1947

8:55 A.M. Arrive office.

9:00 A.M. General Chauncey cleared the papers.

9:30 A.M. General Partridge and Colonel MacCloskey re Air Reserve.

10:50 A.M. General Lindsey

11:00 A.M. General Norstad - Colonel Swofford -- re specific planning for the implementation of the National Defense Act, if and when the law is passed.

11:15 A.M. Prince Firouz (Maj.Gen.) Inspecting General of the Iranian Air Force. He is a guest of the War Department and is visiting Staff Agencies.

11:25 A.M. General Chauncey

12:00 Colonel Garland in with papers re flight to Germany.

12:10 P.M. Mr. Zuckert

12:20 P.M. General Cannon - General Vandenberg called General Cannon with reference to going to St. Louis to see Mr. Symington either Friday or Monday with reference to cost reports concerning Barksdale, Mather and Williams Fields. Mr. Symington has concluded from various analyses of figures furnished him that there is wide discrepancy in reports. (General Cannon called back. Colonel Swofford took the message that General Cannon will see Mr. Symington at 1430 Monday June 23rd. General Sims was advised.)

12:40 P.M. Lunch

2:00 P.M. General Sam Anderson on phone re briefing for General Eisenhower on "Spearhead" after which General Vandenberg to be briefed on Inter-American Military Cooperation Bill.

2:10 P.M. Departed for city.

3:55 P.M. Return

4:00 P.M. General Anderson on phone -- to be in General Vandenberg's office at 9:00 A.M. Monday for briefing mentioned above.

4:10 P.M. General Stearley on phone asking General Vandenberg to see Congressman Dorn for about thirty minutes.

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June 19, 1947 (Cont'd)

- 4:30 P.M. General Kauch re this Rapid City deal. Gen. Kenney and General LeMay and General Spaatz out there recently. We have some problems. Gen. Vandenberg asked Gen. Kauch to please bring the plan and come over to his office sometime between now and 5:00 P.M.
- 4:45 P.M. General Kauch, General LeMay, General Kenney and General Chauncey re above.
- 4:50 P.M. Congressman Dorn, & General Stearley with reference to obtaining some arguments to favor the air bombing record.
- 5:20 P.M. General Spaatz re Seversky.



June 20, 1947

- 8:50 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 8:55 A.M. General Kissner on phone reference speech General Vandenberg is to make before the Inter-American Military Cooperation Committee hearing Monday morning. General Vandenberg thought it was a bit flowery. General Kissner advised that the Committee wanted two speeches -- one to keep and the one which General Vandenberg would give orally. General Vandenberg told him to ask the War Department to cool down and that we would get it in to them by Noon today.
- 9:10 A.M. Colonel Ordway (WDGS) on phone reference the speech -- he reiterated what General Kissner told the General with reference to the written and oral speeches. General Vandenberg asked Colonel Ordway if he approved of the speech as written and corrected. Colonel Ordway said he did. General Vandenberg then told him to have it mimeographed, being sure that he (Col. Ordway) agreed with all statements and corrections made therein.
- 9:20 A.M. Mr. Stott of the Bureau of the Budget on the phone. He stated that they are looking for a top person to work with our people and the Navy people on Air Forces matters. Mr. Stott spoke to General Eaker earlier and is desirous of our suggestions. General Vandenberg told him he would check and see what General Eaker did and let him know.
- 9:30 A.M. To Graduation Exercises of the National War College.
- \* 11:00 A.M. Under Secretary Royall on the phone re the specific report he asked the Air Forces to get up -- an additional sum of money proposed by the Bureau of the Budget (Mr. Webb) and suggested that since Mr. Webb needed more specific information that he (Mr. Royall) was about to suggest that the Army and Navy get together and come up with an allocation of money for aircraft procurement. Gen. Vandenberg pointed out that this would cause the biggest and most acrimonious dispute at a time when we should not rock the boat of unification. Mr. Royall finally concurred.
- \* 11:05 A.M. General Handy called that the Secretary of War was anxious to see if he could get one hundred million dollars added to the Air Force budget on the floor. General Rawlings, with A-5, A-3, and A-4 prepared estimates for the Secretary.
- 11:45 A.M. General Rawlings re the above subject.
- 11:55 A.M. General Kissner with representatives of A-3 and A-5 with reference to the committee hearing - Inter-American Military Cooperation.

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June 20, 1947 (Cont'd)

- 12:30 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Returned.
- 2:20 P.M. Col. Garland - re letter for signature of General Spaatz on use of National Airport by army aircraft and use of Andrews Field by civilian aircraft during instrument weather conditions.
- 2:35 P.M. Admiral Land of the Air Transport Association on phone re Andrews Field in bad weather. Admiral Land suggested that someone go over the details with General Milt Arnold. General Vandenberg suggested that Duckworth do this.
- 2:40 P.M. Mr. Schott on phone. General Vandenberg requested appointment with the Secretary of War. Advised Secretary of War had no time this afternoon.
- 2:45 P.M. Colonel Gill Ervin - re National Guard matters as presented to the Secretary of War.
- 2:55 P.M. General Rawlings, General Chauncey and Mr. Zuckert re additional money for procurement.
- 3:30 P.M. General Vandenberg and General Rawlings went to see the Chief of Staff and discussed the information for the President on the purchase of aircraft if we were allowed another \$100,000,000. Then went to the Secretary of War. Mr. Royall was also present. They concurred and we then prepared a letter for the Secretary's signature to the President along those lines.
- 3:45 P.M. General Stearley in reference to hearings on unification. Said Congressman Dorn did a splendid job. Admiral Zacharias antagonized most of the committee. The score stands pretty much as before - that is 19 for and 6 against. Mr. Symington is to be called and asked to talk with Senator Wardsworth in attempt to get hearings over next week.
- 4:10 P.M. Colonel Merrick calling with reference to conference to be held in National Guard Bureau. They are getting together all of the Adjutant Generals of the various states on Monday and most of them are ground force officers. He suggested that someone take up the matter of Air Force National Guard units. New York, Pa., Ill., Mass. & Nev. are Air Force. The rest are ground forces. General Vandenberg was of the opinion that this is politics and officers should stay out of it. However, did say he would look into it. Colonel Merrick to come Tuesday and tell General Vandenberg how the matter stands in the Senate.

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4:15 P.M. General Craigie

5:10 P.M. General Kenney called from Rapid City, Iowa. - The most desirable is still to move the field out there about two miles east of the present field. There is a Mr. Demersseman who is now in Washington to see about the Army moving over to this place two miles east of here and keep the present place for commercial use. However, this man says that he doesn't want to embarrass the Air Corps and is not pushing it if we don't want to. He can fix up the land acquisition if we want him to.

Now this present field - The north-south runway is the one that is definitely bad. The north-west south-east runway which is the one they are going to fix up is now closed. They have to use the north-south runway which is the bad one. If this north-west south-east is fixed up and <sup>put</sup> the 2800 foot extension on the south-east end it will be fit then for operations.

Will go ahead on the present plan according to those sketches.

General Kenney's solution - "If we can move over to the East we ought to do it because that is the perfect solution - but if it is going to upset everything, we can take the present plan." Also they need some horizon lights pretty bad. General Vandenberg will look into that.

5:25 P.M. Home.



23 June 1947

- 8:55 A.M. Arrived office.
- 9:05 A.M. General Kisner, General Feyland, General Deerwester, General Sam Anderson--briefing for hearings on the Inter-American Military Cooperation Act for the Foreign Affairs Committee, the House of Representatives. (Dr. Col. Langley 74055)
- 11:00 A.M. Congressman Beckworth on telephone regarding invitation to Gen Spaatz to Longview, Texas. Mr. John Ben Sheppard, newly elected President of Junior Chamber of Commerce called Congressman Beckworth Sat. morning and said that Gen. Spaatz had been invited to come to make a talk and if possible, bring a few planes. Mr. Sheppard was extending invitation for Judge Sharp, County Judge. Date is to be July 14th and 15th. Mr. Sylvester Dayson, who is a prominent oil man and owns a two-motored Beachcraft plane is also in on the invitation. Congressman Beckworth would like to have Gen. Van call him back after it is determined if the invitation to Gen. Spaatz has arrived.
- 11:40 A.M. General Chauncey clearing mail.
- 11:45 A.M. Congressman Beckworth on phone. General Vandenberg advised that General Spaatz would be in Canada to within a day or two of that date and he felt sure that he could not make it. Gen. Van suggested General Cannon and Congressman Beckworth said he would get in touch with him. However, the Congressman asked that the invitation be circulated to find out if anyone from Headquarters would be interested in going. General Vandenberg stated he would do so.
- 12:05 P.M. Checked with General Persons on phone to find out when he might have to appear for the hearings on the IAMCA.
- 12:20 P.M. Luncheon
- 1:30 P.M. General Chamberlin in the office regarding General Bissell's trip to India. General Van stated it was against Air Force policy to carry wives in Government aircraft.
- 1:55 P.M. General <sup>SCHLATTER</sup>~~Slater~~ came by to pay his respects to General Spaatz and then to General Vandenberg.
- 2:20 P.M. Barber
- 3:00 P.M. Secretary of War called to talk to Gen. Van and he was notified in the shop.
- 3:15 P.M. To Secretary of War regarding following subject.
- 3:25 P.M. General Wright of CIG on phone reference letter from a former



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Brigadier General who is now a civilian, criticizing organization of CIG. Gen. Van to prepare suggested reply for the Secretary of War. General Wright offered to do this and sent for the letter which Gen Van had brought back from the Secretary of War.

- 3:50 P.M. Congressman Busby of Illinois, reference a request from his District Legion Post. Post is composed of mostly Lithuanian people and has been named after a Lituanian captain killed in the war and they are having a big Memorial Service on 27 July with approximately five or six thousand people attending. The Congressman asked if it would be possible to make available Lt. Thomas D. Blazina, who is now with the 94th Fighter Squadron at March Fld., with his Commanding Officer, Lt. Colonel Donald Hillman, 1st Fighter Group, to come to Chicago for this event. Gen Van thought it quite possible to make available the Lieutenant and would look into the matter of the Commanding Officer attending.
- 4:05 P.M. Colonel Amoss took up the matter of awards to Mr. James Barton Underwood and Charles J. Lytle, Civilian Technical Consultant attached to Hq, 9th Air Force from 25 May '44 to 8 May 1945.
- 4:35 P.M. General Partridge discussed the use of Andrews Field for commercial airplanes. His trip to Alaska the latter part of July. Need for a new requirements head.
- 4:45 P.M. General John Barker to ask if there was an answer to General Edwards letter and General Van told him not yet.
- 5:20 P.M. General Vandenberg talked to Mr. Symington re Ft. Warren, on telephone in Mr. Symington's office.



24 June 1947

9:15 A.M. To Chief of Staff to award of Oak Leaf Cluster to DSM of General Ridgeway

9:20 A.M. General Gardner re Surplus Property of Al Lodwek to ease up on making him get out of Wright Field.

9:55A.M. Mr. Vanderlip of Bellanca Aircraft Company was looking for money to tide him over. Told him to see General Gardner. As far as I know we had no money.

On Box Talked to General Gardner re increased pressure on getting rid of Surplus Property and that General Spaatz felt we should purchase a few (approximately 10) service test Curtis Trainers rather than the 50 we had intended.

10:00 A.M. General Cannon on phone re Ft. Warren. He had spent three hrs. with Mr. Symington on 23 June. Stated that all of the costs of the Training Command are OK with exception of the Aviation Engineers. He stated that apparently Mr. Symington had some agreement with somebody in the Chief's office that nothing would be consummated until he was advised. General Cannon said he knew nothing about political side of it and he is sure that there are political considerations in the matter. General Cannon will see Mr. Symington on his return from Panama around the 30th of June or the 1st of July. Will give him the recommendations he will make to General Vandenberg. Stated training cost per student will always run high. He told Mr. Symington that at a conference in Washington it was decided it would be a mistake at this time to let the Aviation Engineers get out of control of the AAF. Mr. Symington agrees. General Vandenberg asked if any other place could be used and General Cannon replied that there was no other place. General Cannon is having his Budget & Fiscal people go over the figures and see what they can get them down to. He advised General Vandenberg that any old bases that they may take over will cost money. General Cannon advised General Vandenberg to forget the matter until he talked with Mr. Symington again on either the 30th of June or the 1st of July. General Cannon asked if General Vandenberg would notify General Crittenger in Panama of his arrival this Wednesday, the 25th of June. (This has been done)

10:45 A.M. General Chamberlin on phone regarding General Bissell using Military Aircraft to India. General Chamberlin is sending a cable, the gist of which is that there is no objection to General Bissell travelling ATC and taking leave.

10:50 A.M. General Stearley (No record)

11:00 A.M. General Bob Harper "

11:30 A.M. General Rawlings - Planted questions for Appropriations Committee to ask General Vandenberg



24 June (Cont'd)

- 12:00 A.M. General Newman (No record)
- 12:20 P.M. Mr. Boutelle on phone (No record).
- 12:23 P.M. To White House for presentation ceremony--Harmon Trophy to Major de Seversky.
- 1:30 P.M. Major White called Congressman Teague and invited him and Congressman Poague to ride with them to Wichita Falls, Texas on the 3rd of July.
- 2:30 P.M. General Van returned from lunch
- 3:00 P.M. General Rawlings, General Partridge & Colonel White --briefing on Budget Hearings.
- 3:50 P.M. Mr. Murray & Mr. Collins, Boeing Aircraft
- 3:55 P.M. General Wright of CIG brought over/suggested reply to letter for Mr. Patterson as proposed by General Vandenberg in his meeting with Mr. Patterson on 23 June.
- \* 4:05 P.M. Air Staff Meeting on unification.
- 5:02 P.M. Mr. Arthur Christie re Gen. Van going to Sweden. Advised he had seen the Swedes and it was up to General Vandenberg as to the date--thought about the end of August.
- \* Officers who attended Air Staff Meeting on Unification at 4:05 P.M.
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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General Burns A-1     | General LeMay       |
| General McDonald A-2  | General J. W. Jones |
| General Partridge A-3 | General Rawlings    |
| General Gardner A-4   | General Chauncey    |
| Colonel Rogers A-5    | Colonel Swofford    |
| General Knerr         |                     |



25 June 1947

- 9:35 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 9:50 A.M. General Chauncey.
- 10:00 A.M. To hearings on Inter-American Cooperative bill -- to testify at approximately 11:30. (Was not called to testify).
- 10:20 A.M. General Vandenberg called to ask that General LeMay accompany the Secretary of War to see the President reference one hundred million dollars for planes, asking that General LeMay contact General Rawlings. Major White contacted General LeMay, gave him this information, called Mr. Schott who advised that General LeMay would meet the Secretary of War in the executive office of the White House at 10:55. Major White delivered this message to General LeMay over the dictagraph.
- 12:30 P.M. Returned.
- 12:35 P.M. Lunch.
- 1:30 P.M. General Sims and Colonel Montgomery -- talked over budget matters.
- 1:40 P.M. Colonel Merrick, the National Guard Adjutant General for the State of Nev. and Colonel Ervin reference National Guard appropriations which will come up before the Senate Committee on June 26th.
- 1:55 P.M. General McIntyre and General Stearley -- gave General Vandenberg information on unification hearings. Hearings will be closed on Tuesday.
- 4:30 P.M. General Rawlings, General LeMay, General Chauncey and General Sims discussed how we were to reconcile the one hundred million dollars proposed by the President and the reclama for additional civilians in the Air Forces without having them knock out the civilians and leave in the one hundred million dollars which we would not desire. Decided to get in touch with General Richards and have an appointment with the Secretary tomorrow and get permission to tie this all together with the Bureau of the Budget.
- 5:10 P.M. Home
- 8:00 P.M. Capt. Wallis Warren from San Antonio - personal



26 June 1947

- 9:15 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 9:15 A.M. General Rawlings
- 9:35 A.M. To hearings on the IAMCB (Intelligence phase)
- 9:50 A.M. Call from Mr. Peterson, Assistant Secretary of War. Reached General Vandenberg at the hearings. Mr. Peterson's question was - had General Vandenberg answered letter from Governor Al Smith. General Vandenberg advised he had not received the letter.
- 11:00 A.M. Returned from hearings.
- 11:00 A.M. Mrs. Lombard - waiting for Colonel Lombard
- 11:30 A.M. General Kissner - okayed paper which they will show to Gen. Spaatz when he comes back re cooperation with Canada (standardization of equipment)
- 12:00 General Maxwell inviting General Van to lunch Army-Navy Club Friday at 12:30.
- 12:05 P.M. General Borne - reference a personal matter.
- 1:45 P.M. General Chauncey
- 2:00 P.M. Mr. Murray re Congressional Committee on proposed increased budget for AAF appropriation
- 2:15 P.M. General Boatner re President's civilian medals for merit
- 2:20 P.M. General Stearley - re Unification Bill.
- 2:35 P.M. General George McDonald - re air intelligence matters and intelligence relating to other government departments as well as overall reorganization
- 2:45 P.M. General Wright - The letter you took was one enclosed to the Secretary of War by Governor Dewey. How did the meeting come out this morning? They all without exception with particular regard to General Marshall, Leahey, Forestahl and Patterson were positive Intelligence must be centralized and that it had their full backing. Mr. Peterson had nothing to say. Eddie, Chamberlin, Inglis all present. They know the Secretary is strongly in back of it. Recommended General Wright go to General Norstad.
- General Wright advised that CIG had received a copy of the new Unification Bill prepared by Mr. Hoffman. (HR 3979) It is written with a view to keeping Intelligence out of Operations. No change for the Air Forces and Army.
- General Wright stated that the apparent opponents will be Hayes Kroner, Percy Black, Peter Vischer, Carter Clarke.



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- 3:00 P.M. General Kenney - reference a letter he is getting out and one the Air Forces is getting out with reference to VD. General Kenney would desire that the Air Force letter not be sent. General Vandenberg told him if it was not too late he would delay the sending of the Air Force letter until such time as General Kenney's letter had gone out and had the desired effect. General Vandenberg said he would call General Kenney and let him know . AAF Ltr 112-8  
dtd Jan 23
- 3:20 P.M. Cong. Busbey - Major White spoke with the Congressman and he said that these fellows (Lt. Blazina and Lt. Hillman) will be made available to go to Chicago on July 27th. Mr. Busbey's secretary is going to send a written confirmation of their speech.
- 3:35 P.M. Mr. Bill McCracken - We settled on the contract and then on the claim under Section 17. Want to thank you for all you have done. Will call General Ankenbrandt and thank him.
- 3:40 P.M. General Kenney re previous conversation today.
- 3:45 P.M. To see The Secretary of War.



June 27, 1947

9:07 A.M. Arrive Office.

9:10 A.M. General Sims

9:12 A.M. General Rawlings and Colonel White re budget hearings.

9:20 A.M. General McNarney on phone -- General McNarney called and asked General Vandenberg if he had seen the telegram reference strength figures. General McNarney advised that on Wednesday afternoon they had a meeting of the Security Council and discussed Article II re Parity and Equality. The Russians went into veto & complete impasse. The British made an estimate of the overall strength without any limiting date. Mr. Johnson supported that and suggested limiting date of from 4 to 6 weeks. The President put the question of the limiting date on Monday of next week. General McNarney of opinion cannot make the report on Monday. We are now faced with the situation that all other Nations are ready to talk this morning on figures. General Vandenberg informed him they were having a meeting this morning of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject General McNarney discussed. General McNarney said that the figures were completely tentative and they bind no one. He said he sent a figure down which he thought was pretty good. General McNarney said that he would like to get authority to go ahead today if the JCS will give authority he can probably stall. General Vandenberg said he would let General McNarney know by this afternoon.

9:30 A.M. General Doolittle

9:32 A.M. General Sam Anderson on phone - stating he could not attend the Joint Chiefs Meeting. Advised General Anderson of the above conversation with General McNarney reference figures and limiting dates. General Vandenberg asked him to call General McNarney and give him the answers or information on his questions. General Anderson is going to attend Joint Chief's Meeting ~~in~~ at 11:30 today. General Anderson advised General Ridgeway accepted the figures that we have. General Vandenberg again asked Gen. Anderson to try to get Gen. McNarney the answer.

9:45 A.M. Hearings on Merger Bill

12:00 Returned from the Hearings.

12:20 Lunch.

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1:30 P.M. General Kenney on phone with reference to AAF Ltr 112-8. General Van advised that ltr had been out at least 3 days and that it will go to General Kenney's headquarters for distribution. General Kenney advised Gen. Van that he had complied with that letter as of July 1st. Gen. Van said he would notify General Kenney ~~in~~ by letter to hold for further notice.

1:50 P.M. To the Secretary of War's Office

2:05 P.M. To Budget Hearings.



June 28, 1947

(Dictated by Maj. White)

9:30 A.M. Gen. Chauncey

10:00A.M. General Norstad

10:30A.M. General Walsh

10:40 A.M. General Wright on phone. re Intelligence appearances

10:50A.M. Col. Garland

11:30A.M. Called General Norstad re Polish setup on airplane



30 June 1947

- 9:00 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 9:05 A.M. Gen. Chauncey with mail.
- 9:30 A.M. Gen. Burns - on phone - advised that they have tried twice to promote Lt. Col. Kern, commanding officer up in the northeast. There is no way in which we can get him promoted unless General Spaatz takes it up with General Eisenhower. General Anderson tried in March and Gen. Burns has a memorandum pointing out it was given exceptional consideration.
- 9:40 A.M. Major White advised Colonel Burdette that General Vandenberg wants panels removed and room painted. Wants a globe and a polar projection map. Move General Spaatz' picture to the wider wall, preferably the end of the room.
- 10:30 A.M. To Gen. Spaatz with mail.
- 11:00 A.M. General Vandenberg, General Gardner and Col. Yeats to Under Secretary of War for meeting on Meteorological Equipment & supplies.
- 12:10 P.M. Mr. Burdette Wright
- 12:15 P.M. Mr. Leo
- 12:25 P.M. Gen. Rawlings
- 12:35 P.M. Mr. Boutelle on phone
- 12:45 P.M. Lunch
- 1:15 P.M. Gen. Ritchie and Gen. Chauncey re construction in the Pacific. Gen. Van then called Col. Pitcher and he was told to prepare data for the staff conference on this project.
- 1:30 P.M. Gen. Timberlake on the phone. The "boss" is always in favor of the present guy moving up to the next post. We should back Mr. Pauley as Brazilian Ambassador.
- 2:00 P.M. Mr. Zuckert with reference to Ladd and Elmendorf Fields.
- 2:30 P.M. Mr. Boutelle came in to see Gen. Van.
- 3:10 P.M. Air Commodore Fagan - extend thanks and appreciation for courtesy of Air Force commanders at stations he visited with Lincoln Aircraft.
- 3:20 P.M. General Bill Welsh on phone - stated that the bill for unification will pass this season. He had gotten this report from Carol Reese. McCormick of Herold Tribune has been holding this up.
- 3:30 P.M. Gen. Partridge on Alaska. European Flight scheduled to leave July 1st.

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- 3:50 P.M. General LeMay who stated that B-36's could operate from Rapid City Air Base, S.D.
- 4:00 P.M. Gen. Brannon, Assistant JAG - re Gen. Van's appearance before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.
- 4:20 P.M. Col. Pitcher on phone - Gen. Van requested that he prepare data for the Staff Meeting tomorrow. Gen. Spaatz does not go along with the Knerr approach. Be prepared to present your recommendations for priorities.
- 4:45 P.M. Gen. Alexander on Air Force sponsorship of the National Skeet matches.
- 4:55 P.M. Col. Harris Hull. Gen. Vandenberg to make Air Forces Day speech in New York.
- 5:05 P.M. Col. MacCloskey re affiliation program which he assured Gen. Van was going along okay and they concurred with ATC general desires.
- 5:15 P.M. Gen. Norstad and Mr. Shaw - with reference to statements to be prepared for the hearings tomorrow. Called A-1 and A-5 as below:
- 5:25 P.M. Major Brown - A-1 - We must have something written by 9:30 ~~xxx~~ tomorrow morning on what we intend to do with combat pilots between ages of 30 and 35. Suggest you get in touch with ~~you~~ all your section chiefs and Gen. Anderson and get a little guidance on this. It has to do with unification and if we give the wrong answer we are sunk.
- 5:30 P.M. Colonel Gillispie - A-5 - We have to have somebody who knows the projected plans for use of the Air Force for the next two or three years.- What the Air Force will look like after unification. This must be in the hands of Gen. Spaatz by 9:30 for signature.
- 5:45 P.M. General Ritchie on phone - The Executive Expenditures Committee brought up a pertinent question: "What is the Air Forces going to look like after unification?"

General Vandenberg stated that it is a problem that will take some expert writing. Gen. Van felt that the letter should not be long but should be to the point, starting out with it as it looks today, etc., how it is intended to reduce the overhead but still get efficiency, etc. Gen. Ritchie stated that Pitcher would be a good one to write this letter and he also stated that he didn't think we ought to go too far in how we are going to take over these things.

Gen. Van informed Gen. Ritchie that he should call Gillespie and inform them that this letter should be ready for Gen. Spaatz' sig. between 9:00 and 9:30 A.M. on 1 July. Gillespie will get in touch with Pitcher and the proper people to help with the letter.

6:00 P.M. Home



July 1, 1947

9:00 A.M. Arrive Office.

9:10 A.M. General Gardner, Gen. Upston, Col. Eckert, Col. Carpenter, and Mr. Shaw - preparing statements for Senate Hearings today re unification.

9:15 A.M. Mr. Malman advised that hearings will be at 10:30.

10:15 A.M. Departed for hearings with Col. Eckert.

1:30 P.M. Returned.

1:45 P.M. Gen. Chauncey

1:50 P.M. Gen. LeMay and Gen. Ritchie

2:00 P.M. Staff Meeting

3:30 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

3:40 P.M. Gen. Kissner

3:45 P.M. Col. Middleton on phone with reference to getting together sometime in the future. - NA 0038

3:55 P.M. General Norstad

4:50 P.M. Mr. Murray - Boeing Co., asked Gen Van how to answer a cable which apparently indicated a leak on the B-29 landing on Bromma Airfield. I told him in my opinion it was best to say that they were hoping that some day a B-29 would land there, but that they had nothing definite.

5:00 P.M. Major General Orville Cook--made an appointment to return tomorrow morning at 11:30.



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- 3:00 P.M. Gen. Kissner - Gen. Van advised that he had rather an interesting note that was sent to Assistant Secretary by Bart Leach. Think your people should see it. Deals with our next opponent.
- 3:50 P.M. Mr. pForsheimer, CIG, on the phone. Bill about to be rewritten. In my opinion either Admiral Hillenkoetter or General Wright and you should come over so that we do not make a mistake.
- 4:35 P.M. Admiral Hillenkoetter and Mr. Forsheimer to see Gen. Vandenberg. Re Intelligence phase of the Merger Bill.
- 4:55 P.M. General Stearley pn phone. Gen. Van advised he would be away until Monday and therefore would have to hold up action on case of Captain Woodfin M. Sullivan 0810470 as the 201 file had not arrived yet.
- 4:56 P.M. Gen. Norstad to join in conference with Mr. Forsheimer and Admiral Hillenkoetter.



July 2, 1947

- 9:20 A.M. Arrived Office.
- 9:20 A.M. Gen. Chauncey with mail.
- 9:23 A.M. Dr. Bill Morgan on phone -- stated Sec. Crew was afraid he had embarrassed Mr. Patterson by requesting a plane to go to Alaska to take care of the survey party going up. Gen. Van asked how many people and Dr. Morgan stated there were 5 people going up on the ~~22~~ 19th of July. He wanted Gen. Vandenberg to tell Secretary Patterson to ignore the letter and let the Air Forces handle it themselves. Gen. Vandenberg told him he would look into the matter and let him know.
- 9:55 A.M. Congressman Ed Gossett - with reference to trip to Wichita Falls, Tex. Stated he, Cong. Poage, and Cong. Teague would like to land in Dallas to attend a meeting of the Bar Association on evening of July 3rd. Ceremony in Wichita Falls will be 1:00 P.M. July 4th. Gen. Vandenberg was agreeable to spending night in Dallas. To call Cong. Gossett before noon today and give him time of departure from Washington.
- 10:20 A.M. Col. Galloway - made request for an airplane for CIG to transfer funds of a highly confidential nature. Gen. Van asked Gen. Chauncey to approve.
- 10:27 A.M. General Partridge and Gen. Hood
- 10:30 A.M. Major White advised Cong. Ed Gossett that Gen. Vandenberg would leave ATC Terminal at 10:00 July 3rd in a B-17. Cong. Gossett's office to notify Congressmen Teague and Poage. Gen. Vandenberg to come directly back on the 5th.
- 10:45 A.M. To Gen. Spaatz with mail.
- 11:20 A.M. Gen. Chauncey, Gen. Ritchie and Col. Carpenter re Hoffman Letter on Unification.
- 11:50 A.M. Gen. Orval Cook Re controversy between the Engineering and our Buildings & Grounds. Gen. Van set up conference for Wed. the 9th with Gen. Chauncey, Gen. Kauch and himself.
- 12:50 P.M. Jacqueline Cochran re WASPS getting in on the Reserve Corps.
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch with Dr. Bowles
- 1:45 P.M. Gen. Stearley and Gen. McIntyre
- 2:45 P.M. Senator Lister Hill of Ala - The Ala. Department of the American Legion requested Gen. Vandenberg address them on the morning of July 25th. General Van declined due to a previous engagement - said he would



July 3, 1947

- 9:20 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 9:30 A.M. To see Secretary of War.
- 9:35 A.M. Cong. Sikes called and was referred to Gen. Chauncey.
- 10:00 A.M. Departed from National Airport for Texas.
- 11:00 A.M. Senator Lodge called. Was informed that Gen. Vandenberg is out of town
- 11:05 A.M. General Streett called.
- 11:10 A.M. Major White called Dr. Morgan and delivered a message.
- 11:15 A.M. Mr. Arthur Christie called. He asked if Gen. Vandenberg would be back before Saturday night. He was informed that the General would return late Saturday.
- 11:15 A.M. Col. Morris Bauer saw Gen. Chauncey re letter which Gen. Spaatz received from Gen. William E. Hall concerning Col. Bauer. Colonel Bauer came in to see Gen. Vandenberg but was referred to Gen. Chauncey.
- 11:25 A.M. With reference to Mrs. Sam Anderson's invitation to Gen. and Mrs. Vandenberg for dinner on July 11th, Mrs. Anderson was notified that both Gen. & Mrs. Vandenberg are out of town but will notify her Monday whether or not they will be able to accept.
- 11:30 A.M. Gen. Stearley's office called to give Gen. Vandenberg a list of the Sub-Committee Members of the Merger Bill. They are  
Clare E. Hoffman - Mich. Carter Manasco - Ala.  
George H. Bender - Ohio John W. McCormack - Mass.  
Henry J. Latham - New York Chet Holifield - Calif.  
James W. Wadsworth - New York
- 1:00 P.M. Elmer Davis, news commentator, called to ask whether we had obtained State Department Clearance to send the flight of B-29's to Europe. Maj. White informed him that he was not familiar with the flight since he had just returned from a trip and told him that he would have General Chauncey call him. General Chauncey was out of his office so Maj. White contacted Gen. Partridge who gave him the details and said that he did not want to become involved in it since he did know the entire story. He said that he would call General Norstad and see just what approach we should take in our answer to the press.
- 1:30 P.M. Captain Goggins, CIG, called to invite General and Mrs. Vandenberg to cocktails on Thursday, July 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Officers' Mess, Navy Yard. Major White told Capt. Goggins that he would call him back on this Monday. *Declined 7/7*
- 2:30 P.M. Admiral Sherman called to speak to Gen. Vandenberg. Major White took the call. It was regarding cutting down on exhibition flying due to the shortage of aviation gasoline. Maj. White referred him to Gen. Partridge.



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2:50 P.M. General Macauliffe came to see General Vandenberg. No message.  
Said he would have to see someone else.



July 5, 1947

1:00 P.M. Returned from Wichita Falls, Texas.

July 7, 1947

9:15 A.M. Arrive Office.

9:15 A.M. Gen. Rawlings

9:40 A.M. Gen. Boatner with mail.

9:43 A.M. Colonel Garland on phone with reference to memorandum from General Kenney on how to have more groups and fewer people. Was that approved? Approved to extent instructions given that SAC units be left alone until September and at that time make a decision as to approval of Kenney's organization and how extensively it will be used in the Air Force. Find out if Kenney has been advised and let me know.

9:45 A.M. Colonel Galloway thanking General Vandenberg for what he put on for CIG.

9:50 A.M. Colonel Garland advised that General Hood had handled the matter of SAC units and would be right down to brief Gen. Vandenberg.

9:55 A.M. Gen Chauncey on phone from Pocatello, Idaho to state that Gen Cannon doesn't want Moody or Turner in Georgia. Doesn't want Columbus at all—wants to substitute San Marcos. Wants to concentrate all expansion in a little bunch in Texas and take over fields that belong to <sup>other</sup> commands like Brooks and Bergstrom. General Chauncey says that it is possible we will have to give up the two in Georgia. Gen Chauncey stated he advised Gen Cannon to put his wants in writing and not to telephone as Gen Chauncey feels Gen Cannon is not too sure of himself, as two months ago he wanted to get out of San Marcos and now he wants it and also Brooks & Bergstrom.

10:00 A.M. Gen Hood & Col Hobson —briefing on SAC units.

10:55A.M. Mr. Zuckert re civilian personnel and limitations and personnel at inactive installations or installations which we are not planning to retain in our permanent structure.

11:05 A.M. Mr. Robert Gross and Mr. Maher of Lockheed

11:55 A.M. Gen. Sam Anderson

12:00 To War Council in absence of Gen. Spaatz

12:20 P.M. Returned and then to lunch

1:00 P.M. Returned



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- 1:10 P.M. Mr. Hicks of the Toronto Star, Toronto, Canada on phone - He spoke in regard to the "flying discs". They understand these discs are a U.S. plane that is still on the secret list. He asked Gen. Van what he thought they were and Gen. Van was quite noncommittal. Gen. Van said that some National Guard Planes were on duty on their own volition to search for the discs, but that no planes have been put on duty from Hq, AAF.
- 1:20 P.M. General Tommy Power
- 1:40 P.M. Cong. Drewry of Va. on phone requesting a B-29 be sent to Blackstone, Va. for a celebration by the CAF and volunteer fire organizations in the vicinity. Date - July 27. May be able to do some recruiting on that day. Gen. Van said he would look into the matter and advise Mr. Drewry's office.
- 1:50 P.M. Mr. Leo on phone re article on "Saucers". Said one had been found with instructions on it to get in touch with Colonel Frank Hackett in Spokane. Mr. Leo reported the matter to General Schulgen, G-2.
- 1:52 P.M. Mr. Zuckert on phone informing him with reference to National Guard that all planes where we haven't squadron or group headquarters should take their people away.
- 1:55 P.M. Mr. Leo and General LeMay with reference to discs.
- 2:00 P.M. Colonel Frank Hackett, Spokane, Washington on phone - General Van informed Colonel Hackett that we had gotten a call from the Houston Chronicle saying that a flying disc had landed there with his (Colonel Hackett's) name on it. Gen. Van asked if he knew anything about it. Colonel Hackett stated that he knew nothing at all about it. Gen. Van told Col. H. that it was reported here that Col. H. said that his people knew all about it and that a statement was coming out from Washington. Col. H. said, "I have said nothing". Col. H. had the Chronicle called and told to get in touch with the F.B.I. - get photographic proof - and then get in touch with Gen. Twining.
- 2:20 P.M. Colonel Bob Warren, Ellington Field, Tex on phone. - Gen. Van informed Col. Warren that the Houston Chronicle had found a disc about 20" in diameter and 5 or 6" thick. It is supposed to have Col. Frank Hackett's name on it. We are most anxious to explode this thing. I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with the Chronicle, ask them where it is, go out and see the thing and then call me back. The line of approach is that we have nothing like that, we don't understand what it is, but we are leaving no stone unturned to be sure. Colonel Warren said it would be a couple of hours before he could call back.



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( 2:30 P.M. To airport to meet Mr. Symington and then to Mr. Symington's office.

4:10 P.M. Returned.

4:15 P.M. General O'Donnell.

4:20 P.M. General LeMay

4:20 P.M. Col. Warren called back re Gen. Vandenberg's directive that he run down the story about the flying discs. Col. W. finally located the reporter who picked up the story from another man. This man lives in Goose Creek. He now says that it was entirely a figment of his imagination and that he just made it up. Col. W. talked to a Mr. Evans who is handling this thing at the Chronicle -- and they took it up with somebody up at the Air Depot at Spokane. - - - - He said to them that he just made the thing up. Col. Warren said that the Chronicle seemed to be satisfied that the thing was just a cock and bull story. Col. W. is going to check with the local F.B.I. and possibly drive over to see the man at Goose Creek. If anything further develops he will call Gen. Vandenberg.

( 4:30 P.M. Mr. Leo on phone - Gen. Van told him the above story. A civilian, Joe Shipman, who works with Col. Hackett is reported to have told the Chronicle to contact Gen. Twining.

5:00 P.M. To see Mr. Symington

5:15 P.M. Departed for office of Congressman Hoffman.



July 8, 1947

- ( 9:20 A.M. Arrive office.
- 9:25 A.M. General Gardner and General Power - approved restrictions on flying due to gasoline shortage so that the Air Force would be in a tenable position if it became necessary to curtail civ. gas consumption.
- 9:30 A.M. Gen. LeMay & Dr. Bowles - briefing for JRDB meeting.
- 9:50 A.M. JRDB Meeting with General LeMay.
- 12:15 P.M. Returned - then to Mr. Symington with reference to personnel for the President's Air Board.
- 12:45 P.M. Lunch.
- 1:30 P.M. Returned.
- 1:50 P.M. Colonel Moore on phone who stated Senator Guernsey stopped him in the hall and said they were starting hearings on the three million six hundred thousand dollar cut in flying pay.
- 2:10 P.M. Gen. Rawlings advised Colonel Moore that the cut was okay as we had reduced the number of people on flying status. Also advised Colonel Moore that Sen. Guernsey had been sent the letter of June 20 that went to the rest of the members of the committee with reference to flying pay.
- ( 2:30 P.M. Mr. Chalmers Hall on phone with reference to a study he is going to present to Senator Vandenberg with reference to the security of this country. Read his plans in detail to Gen. Vandenberg and the General advised him that all the things contained in his study were in the new bill on unification - that it had all the elements he was plugging for.
- 3:00 P.M. General Lyon on phone with reference to the cases of Major John M. White and Gerald R. Johnson for transfer to the Air Forces. All transfers by War Department direction have been cancelled as of 31 March. In the case of Major White there will be no trouble in event ~~of~~ the merger goes through and recommend this case be held until then. Johnson was recommended against by General Fairchild.
- 3:10 P.M. Air Marshal Goddard
- 3:25 P.M. Senator Cabot Lodge on the phone with reference to increased appropriation to call for 70 Groups. (1) Was the 70 Group Program cleared by the Budget or not? Gen Van said no--were cut down to 55 Groups. (2) Can you have someone in your office write an argument as to why it should be 70 Groups? Gen Van advised him



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- 3:25 p.m. (Cont'd)      Wants a statement prepared ~~xxxx~~ he can use as coming from him — not an Air Force or General Vandenberg statement— for the 70 Group Program instead of 55. He wants this in a day or two.
- 3:35 p.m.      Briefing by Gen Kauch, Mr. Zuckert, A-3, A-5 on Alaskan Air Base.
- 3:45 p.m.      To Office of Congressman Wolverton with Mr. Zuckert on the subject of Alaskan Air Bases. Took up matter of starting hearings at this session of this committee. Will give us an answer tomorrow. Any hearings to be held will be started next week.
- 5:07 p.m.      Returned from Congressman Wolverton's office.
- 5:08 p.m.      To Mr. Symington with reference to personnel for the President's Air Board.
- 5:12 p.m.      Gen. Rawlings on the box reference request of Senator Cabot Lodge mentioned above (3:25 p.m.)
- 5:14 p.m.      To Mr. Symington - re personnel for the President's Air Board.
- 6:15 p.m.      Gen. Kissner on phone re request of Senator Lodge for statement in connection with appropriations. General Kissner will have this ready by Noon tomorrow.
- 6:20 p.m.      To Mr. Leo's office and then home.
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July 9, 1947

- 8:30 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 8:50 A.M. General Chauncey
- 9:13 A.M. General Stearley re letter in connection with motion picture personnel. Gen. Van advised it would not get by Secretary Patterson. Have to take a reading on exactly how we can get by with 8 reserve officers and 2 regulars and still spend that money on them. (\$500,000 each) Gen. Van advised him to look into the matter of reserve officers and that his office should write the letter.
- 9:17 A.M. General Gardner, General Power, Col. Peterson
- 9:33 A.M. Cong. Harness of Ind. re Capt. Roger Smith O-744641 who has had 5 years overseas with B-29's and is now on terminal leave. He wants reassignment - regular or otherwise, and is willing to be placed on foreign service. Gen. Van asked that he come over to see Major White and we would get him the information. Cong. Harness advised he thought we were getting the Merger Bill worked out pretty fine.
- 9:35 A.M. General Doolittle on phone. To come in at 10:30.
- 9:38 A.M. Mr. Ben Pearse with reference to two stories he is writing - one about the Anglo-American Oil Agreement and the other about CIG.
- 9:25 A.M. Harry Bruno of New York - Gen. Van advised he would let him know as soon as he could with reference to an engagement for week-end either 18 July, 25 July, 1 August or 8 August.
- 10:30 A.M. To Mr. Symington
- 10:50 A.M. To Gen. Eisenhower's office with General Norstad
- 11:45 A.M. Mrs. Bowers of the White House called Major White to advise that Gen. Vandenberg should be in the President's office at 12:15 tomorrow for signing of Air Force proclamation.
- 12:15 P M. Returned from Chief of Staff's office.
- 12:50 P.M. To Mr. Symington



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2:15 p.m. Returned from JCS

2:30 p.m. To Mr. Symington

3:10 p.m. Returned

3:30 p.m. Mr. Leo on phone re "This recruiting matter". Gen. Streett's office recommends against it on the ground that that is a small enterprize down there and they don't want to set a precedent. Mr. Leo will check further and call back. Also, General Streett has been concerned in the event of unification about recruitment funds and wanted Mr. Leo to express to Gen. Vandenberg his opinion that it ought to be a gradual shift if there was not going to be a central recruitment.

3:40 P.M. General Anderson - General Van informed Gen. Anderson that he was definitely against his leaving Washington at the present time and plans to recommend to Gen. Spaatz that it not be done.

5:05 p.m. Mr. Pethick and Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Pethick (Navy), Mr. Lawrence (President of the Reaction Motors) and General LeMay. Presented to General LeMay and General Vandenberg problem of their monetary position which was bad and they were afraid of being refused contracts which would set back the jet rocket motor development several years. General LeMay stated that they were to take it up with Wright Field and present their case out there where the contracts are let.

5:35 P.M. Home.



10 July 1947

8:40 a.m. Arrived office.

9:12 Mr. Vincent of Counter-Intelligence

9:20 Gen. Chauncey & Gen Old

9:40 Senator Lodge on phone, asked Gen Van if he was in favor of 70 Groups for peacetime. Gen Van said that he was, and that unless the Services would go along with that and unless we could get money for rehabilitation of quarters, however, it would be impossible to get the 70 Groups, also must make sure we get enough enlistments. The Senator advised all he could find on record is that General Spaatz had asked for 50 Groups and 15 skeletonized. Gen Van advised we asked the War Dept. for 70 Groups peacetime. They knocked it down to 58 then the Bureau of the Budget knocked it down to 55.

10:17 General O'Donnell

10:30 To General Groves, AFSWP (Armed Forces Special Weapons Project) with General LeMay.

11:05 Returned

11:07 Colonel MacCloskey with reference to ROA (Reserve Officers' Association)— civilian component.

11:10 Ben Pearce, questions on articles he is writing.

11:25 General George McDonald

11:35 General Burns, A-1 on phone re vacancy at National War College. Advised that General Kissner had it fixed that we will be given the vacancy if we have the personnel to recommend. Thought General Vandenberg should call General Norstad. General Vandenberg advises this has been done and that General Chauncey is to prepare a stronger letter. General Burns to check with General Chauncey.



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11:55 a.m. To White House with Mr. Symington and General Doolittle for signing of AF Proclamation.

12:30 p.m. Returned with Mr. Symington, General Vaughn, and Colonel Neblett (ROA), all having lunch in General Spaatz' office. (General Spaatz out of town).

2:00 Returned from lunch.

2:07 General Chauncey

2:55 General Welsh on phone reference luncheon date sometime.

3:00 Mr. Leo re information for Senator Drewry on B-29. Decided to let Gen. Stearley handle this on an interim basis until Monday or Tuesday, when we get the final dope.

3:25 Gen Harry Vaughn on phone stating he and Neblett were discussing the Bill that is pending. Neblett went up to see Pat Drewry. Drewry is not enthusiastic about it but he is going to vote for it. If they took the vote today, it would pass 2 to 1. Gen Van said that they almost agreed on everything except CIG and that that ought to be sewed up soon. Gen Vaughn & Gen Vandenberg both agreed that the bill will be passed in about a week.

3:40 General Rawlings

4:00 General Gilkeson on phone. Said he was talking for General Junius Jones re a case of a man named Private Carol who<sup>out</sup> through a fake message on the teletype. General Spaatz inquired of Gen Jones what was to be done in the matter. General Spaatz told Gen Jones at first that he didn't think the case should be tried but upon investigation, Gen Spaatz felt that he should be tried. The case will be coming into Gen Van's office soon.

4:15 Colonel Carpenter on phone. Gen Van asked if he had talked with General Norstad on the business for ~~Mark~~ Hoffman. Will you go and ask him if that covers in general the feeling he has about the bill? We will have to modify the letter to Hoffman from me, telling him in a kindly way



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- 4:25 p.m. Colonel Fiegel on phone. General Van requested a copy of the Haislip Board Report as he understood the draft of a final report is in A-3. Col Fiegel to buzz him back on the box.
- 4:45 Gen. O'Donnell
- 4:55 Col. Shel mire
- 5:00 Lt. Col. McDonald is taking up two personal problems. 1 - his assignment to the Materiel Command and 2 - his regular army status.
- 5:05 Col. Carpenter. Will you take up that paper to Gen. Norstad and if he wants information he will call you and I will be back here to hear what the comments are. (Col. Carpenter given letter).
- 5:06 Mr. Zukert. Would like to come get the Haislip Board Report and go over it and give me your comments. (Report given to Mr. Zukert).
- 5:40 Home.



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- 8:40 A.M. Arrive Office.
- 8:45 A.M. General Chauncey with the mail.
- 8:55 A.M. General Orval Cook - asked if General Van was able to get anything on the matter he took up with him the other day. Gen. Van advised he was sorry he was just getting to it today. Gen. Cook said that this planning what the rest of the Army is to do in connection with the agreement and policy of Gen. Spaatz for cross-servicing in event of unification -- that is what constitutes the test case.
- 9:40 A.M. Colonel Carpenter to see Gen. Van with final draft of letter to Mr. Hoffman re Air Force views on HR 3979
- 9:50 A.M. Mr. Burdette Wright called to invite Gen. & Mrs. Vandenberg to the races tomorrow. General Van suggested he check with Mrs. Vandenberg.
- 10:00 A.M. Mr. Boutelle on phone - made appointment for lunch at 11:45 today.
- 10:20 A.M. Gen. Upston on phone - re Gen. Sam Anderson's assignment --
- 10:30 A.M. Mr. Symington calling from St. Louis - with reference to article in the New York Times by Hanson Baldwin on B-36's. It was very critical of the AAF. It does not make much difference except he has a certain following. He also wrote another bad article about 10 days ago about the AAF on Guided Missiles. He is close to Radford. The line he is taking now ties in with Research and Development in the future.  
He spent about five days with Twining recently and they thought the trip was pretty good -- on the other hand he has now come out with this article. It ties in with the question of procurement we discussed the other day. I thought that some morning you might come to Dayton and I would come over from here and meet you. Gen. Van advised that as soon as we found out what we are going to get and General Gardner made it up and before we published it and started to make contracts -- meet in Dayton and talk it over with General Twining. Mr. Symington advised that he had asked General Rawlings to meet him in Colorado Springs on the 24th and that he (Mr. S) was starting West a week from Monday. The best date to meet him in Dayton would be a week from today -- that is Friday. (Time set at about 11:00 A.M.) our time -  
Told Gen. Van to have Gen. Spaatz get Curtis to serve on the Board .
- 10:40 A.M. Belgian Military and Air Attache, Maj. Du Monceau, made appointment to see Gen. Van at 4:30 today.
- 10:45 A.M. Gen. Rawlings
- 11:00 A.M. General K. B. Wolfe and General Upston



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- 11:30 A.M. Col. Fiegel, A-3 — Gen. Van told him to set up a conference re Rotation Policy with General Partridge, General Wolfe and Gen. Vandenberg at 2:30 on Monday and get together all the data so we can discuss it.
- 11:45 A.M. General Fairchild on phone -- the officer selected for Ground Force instruction is going to retire and asked if Bob Frederick would suit. Gen. Van recommended him very highly as a young and smart officer who had been recommended to him as one of the smartest and nicest personalities in the Ground Forces. Gen Fairchild advised that Rear Admiral Brown was being replaced by Captain Moberg (?). Gen. Fairchild agreed to taking Gen. Frederick.
- 12:10 P.M. Gen. Persons
- 12:15 P.M. To lunch with Mr. Boutelle
- 4:30 P.M. Returned
- 4:33 P.M. Major Du Monceau - Belgian Military & Air Attache
- 4:50 P.M. Col. MacDonald on phone with reference to an officer for speech writing. Recommended following: Maj. Harry P. Kelleher, 130th Base Unit, Offut Fld. McCook, Neb. and Capt. Posvar, now in the Public Information Section of the Ground Forces in Room 2C 860, Pentagon.
- 5:00 P.M. Mr. Weatherhead - advised he had been proselyting for the Army in connection with the bill for unification. Heard that Congress had a lot of amendments so Weatherhead called a few of them up. Mr. W. had a call from one of the members that they had approved the Senate Bill with a few changes such as names and salaries. It will come up for a vote next week - Tues. Wed. or Thurs. Gen. Van asked if he found it was not going through, could he give him a call. Mr. W. said he would call the General on Monday afternoon from Ariz. and if it didn't look good he would go to work on it again.
- 5:12 P.M. Gen. Born called from Gen. Quesada's office - re problem concerning the Alaska maneuvers - hauling these troops from McCord Field To Alaska. The question is which route to take. They had a meeting this morning with ATC, Flying Safety, weather people and A.M.C. and those people are going back to their stations and work up the pros and cons on the two routes. Gen. Quesada would like to have a meeting with Gen. Van sometime Monday the 21st of July. Meeting set at 2:00 P.M. July 21st.



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5:25 P.M. Mr. Soucy -

5:35 P.M. Col. McCrumb for Gen. Rawlings



14 July 1947

9:00 a.m. Arrived office.

9:05 General Chauncy with mail.

9:25 Mr. Shaw re the Morrow Board.

9:30 General Kissner on the phone. Gen Van said he understood we are pushing to have an air man in the Caribbean as C & C. General Kissner advised we were not doing that until after Crittenberger finishes up. Gen Van said that some of the boys in Gen Kissner's office apparently didn't understand that. General Kissner said that he would get it straightened out.

9:45 Colonel Clare Bunch re his school assignment. Gen Van advised he did not think he could step right into the National War College before going to some of the other schools first. Will let him know as soon as he hears from A-1.

10:30 Gen Kissner, Gen Sam Anderson

10:55 Gen. Persons on phone re Joe Alsop's article in the Washington Post. Came down at 11:40.

11:45 Col. Harris Hull on phone. Gen. Van advised he had seen at least 3 articles by Brown in which he says the airplane is obsolete. Told Col. Hull to gather all these trends that are looking as though they are knocking the Air Force and bring them up.

12:35 p.m. To lunch

1:15 Returned

2:15 Col. Eckert

\* Mr. Symington's telephone call. 1:22 P.M. Mr. Symington told Gen. Vandenberg that he had talked to Sec. Forrestal. He seemed to be annoyed at what Mr. S. told him Brown had done. Sec. F. said he would take care of it. Mr. S. told Sec. F. that he thought we would postpone such discussions & Sec. F. agreed. He will look into it immediately.

2:20 General Brereton. Asked Gen Brereton if he could have lunch with General Spaatz Friday before the meeting in General Eisenhower's office. He understood that General Spaatz had to go before the Committee on Saturday. General Brereton accepted and Gen Van said he would have him notified later in the week as to the exact time.

2:30 General Wolf, Gen. Partridge, Gen Kissner and Col ? on rotation of units to the Pacific .



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3:45 P.M. To Office of Senator Parnell Thomas of New Jersey with General Persons.

5:15 P.M. Returned to Office.

5:30 P.M. Home.



15 July 1947

8:50 A.M. Arrived Office.

8:50 A.M. General Fairchild

9:10 A.M. Colonel White and Colonel Macrum with reference to future procurement program.

9:15 A.M. General LeMay, General Partridge, Colonel Kettel and Colonel Hebert and Lt. Col. Brooks

10:30 A.M. General Gaffney re C-82 units going into Alaska for joint maneuvers.

11:15 A.M. To General Spaatz with the mail.

12:15 P.M. Mr. Rogers of Douglas Aircraft with Mr. Frank Holt and Mr. George Gelly

12:40 P.M. To Lunch

1:35 P.M. Returned with General Spaatz and General Norstad

1:40 P.M. General Kissner on phone. Gen. Van told him to drop the matter of the Air Forces filling the vacancy at the National War College.

1:50 P.M. To Gen. Spaatz

2:23 P.M. Returned with Gen. Twining

3:30 P.M. General Brereton. It was decided that Gen. Spaatz & Gen Van would have lunch with General Brereton at 12:30 on Thursday instead of Friday due to the fact that Gen Spaatz ~~was going to~~ is going to Dayton Friday.

4:00 P.M. Gen Hilldring on phone. Wanted to know if a JCS paper no. 1790, having to do with feeding Italians has been acted upon. Gen Van informed him that it had been acted upon this morning.

5:40 P.M. Mr. Leo reference Air Show to be held at Blackstone, Va.. The 2nd Army and Lower Echelons had made a commitment for airplanes to take part in the Air Show. Mr. Leo was of the opinion and Gen. Booth stated that since the commitment had been made there would be no objection to the planes participating provided Gen. Vandenberg had no objection. *See 11:45 16 July*

5:45 P.M. Home



16 July 1947

9:05 A.M. Arrived office.

9:05 Meeting on 1948 Budget

10:30 To Secretary Royall's office.

10:55 Returned

11:45 Major White advised Mr. Leo that Gen Van wished him to carry through and handle the matter with General Booth with reference to airplane for the Air Show at Blackstone, Va.

12:45 p.m. To lunch with Mr. Boutelle

2:15 Returned

2:15 Gen Chauncey

3:00 To Air Staff Meeting

3:40 Returned

3:45 Gen Sam Anderson reference paper for Gen Spaatz

3:50 Col Harris Hull. Gen Van advised that Gen Spaatz would do the speech provided he could make the record here in the building and the speech would be prepared for him by DOI. The speech will be on 3 August titled "The Veteran Wants to Know."

3:55 Group Captain Rolphe talked to Gen Van with reference to "Thunderbolt". Asked if a couple of Naval officers could be invited to attend. Gen Van said yes and also suggested that a couple of top Ground Force officers be invited.

4:40 Colonel Wilson, War Dept Records Board, called reference efficiency report for General Weckerling.

4:40 Gen Fred Smith with reference to Gen Van's visiting Cadet CAP Camps. Gen Van to accompany him on 28 August to Michigan.

4:50 Stanley Draper (someone calling for him) with reference to Gen Eaker and Gen Spaatz attending the Eaker dinner. Gen Van advised that Gen Spaatz would be out of the country and that he had another commitment. Gen Chauncey has been



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designated to go and represent them.

5:10 p.m. Mr. Arthur Christie on the phone. Gen Van told him he could go for one week beginning Friday, the 8th, but must return on Monday the 18th.

5:20 Gen Orval Cook on the phone, inviting him to attend an Air Force Meeting. Gen Cook advised him to have the meeting and then send the results to him. Gen Cook advised that the Chief of Engineers stated that it was in conflict with responsibilities assigned to him under Circular 138 and also contrary to their understanding of General Eisenhower's and Gen Spaatz' agreement. Gen Van advised he would try to get him the results tomorrow evening. Gen Cook asked him would he please call General Lutes if he (Gen Cook) was not in.

5:15 Mr. Ward of Fairchild



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9:00 A.M. Arrived Office

9:05 Gen Chauncey with mail.

9:35 Gen Bradshaw called to tell Gen Van that in regard to the meeting held in Mr. Forrestal's office yesterday with Chan Gurney, that there was no change in policy. Secretary Royall asked Gen Bradshaw to convey this information to Gen Van.

9:40 Gen Bob Douglas called from Lexington, Ky. enroute to his station, San Antonio, Texas. Gen Van advised him that Gen Spaatz was very disappointed at our show and expects great things to be done by you. Wants you to go to Paris Island, look it over where he thinks you will get a much bigger contrast. Gen Douglas said he would like to go to San Antonio, receive his goods and then go to Paris Island about the 27th. Also advised that he had been committed to Newark on August 1st and will probably see Gen Van in N.Y. Asked Gen Van to advise Gen Upston of the plans for Paris Island. Gen Douglas will call Gen Cannon & tell him what Gen Spaatz wants.

10:15 Gen Chauncey & Gen Ritchie

10:40 Gen Sam Anderson on phone. Gen Spaatz is having Gen Brereton & Gen Van for lunch and thinks that Gen Anderson should also come. Gen Anderson said he would bring with him the paper which Gen Eisenhower wants to see prior to his going to the hospital at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. Gen Anderson said that in the event that Gen Eisenhower wanted the paper before that time, he would bring it down and discuss it with Gen Spaatz before lunch.

10:50 Mr. Leo- on the phone —said that he understood that Tony Laverno (N.Y. Times) had been authorized by Gen Van to talk to the Staff Sections to get their view on unification—that is changes that might take place immediately unification is passed. Gen Van said he had talked to Laverno and told him there would be no immediate change and it would not affect us one way or another, that we were just going to carry on and really go to work. Mr. Leo was most anxious that Laverno not be given the idea that we were going into new uniforms—thank God we were free again and all that sort of thing. Gen Van said he gave him the idea that right after unification we were not going to change everything. Advised that we would have to go along with Mr. Laverno, but along with him coordinated. Mr. Leo said he would contact Mr. Laverno further.



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11:30 a.m. Gen Chauncey, Gen Kauch, Gen Burns

11:35 Col Hull on phone. Gen Van wanted to know when Gen O'Donnell would be back. Wants him to go to Wright Field, leaving tomorrow morning at 8:00 o'clock. Col Hull will locate Gen O'Donnell and advise Gen Van.  
Col Hull advised that Hanson Baldwin is in the building and is due to see Gen Norstad. Thought perhaps Gen Van would want to advise Gen Norstad what he and Gen Spaatz thought of Baldwin's article.

11:40 Congressman Busbey with reference to Lt. Blazina and Lt. Col. Donald Hillman flying at Chicago Memorial Day Program. It is not the intention to have stunt flying but just wants them to be in the air during the celebration. Advised Gen Van that it is not a densely populated area and a lot of vacant property around. At least twelve miles from the city, two miles from the airport. General said he would have it looked into, but that it seemed everytime a boy went to his home town he cracked up. The Congressman said it was close to the airport and they were used to airplanes in Chicago and it did not make any difference as to the height they flew. Gen Van will advise Congressman Busbey.

12:35 p.m. To lunch w/Gen Spaatz, Gen Brereton & Gen Sam Anderson.

1:30 Returned

1:40 Gen Handy's office

2:00 Gen Cook, Gen Chauncey, Col Fisher with reference duplication by Engineers.



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9:30 a.m.      Generals Weyland & Sam Anderson

9:45            Major White

9:50            Phil Bower of CIG

9:50            General Stearley on phone with reference to the 3 letters sent to Mr. Hoffman, one signed by Gen Van, one by Gen Spaatz & one by somebody else, saying that the AAF would look just the same and it wouldn't cost anymore with Unification. Mr. Karsten would like to use these letters on the Floor. General Stearley said it was all right for him to have them. The General said he would go over there after lunch & Gen Stearley asked that he stop by the office of Congressman Price where there would be a card for him to get in.

10:15           Col. Harris Hull

10:25           General Schuyler on phone in regard to the paper Gen Van was talking about to Norstad. Gen Schuyler said that his lawyers have a few changes in words which they think are necessary to clarify it. Gen Schuyler said they had checked it over with Anderson, and it is agreeable to him.

10:30           Col. Giffin brought papers down for Gen Van to initial.

10:35           Gen Sam Anderson on phone saying he is agreeable with the changes that have been made reference the above papers. They were made to him on the phone.

10:40           Gen Anderson called back and asked that the papers not be initialed, as Admiral Leahy is writing a letter non-concurring with Gen Eisenhower's memorandum and writing a much shorter one than we wrote, but that it says much the same thing. Admiral Leahy is writing that the problem confronting the State Dept. was not answered by the Chief of Staff's memo. <sup>Anderson</sup> Gen ~~Leahy~~ was also told that the Navy Dept was going to concur with the one prepared by Leahy.



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General Van said that he concurred in both of them.

10:45 a.m. Gen Sam Anderson called and said that Gen Tom Handy said that Ramsey was on his way over with Leahy's revised version, and asked that Gen Van come up to his office.

10:50 Gen Partridge

11:00 To General Handy's office (see 10:45 a.m. above.) with Gen. Anderson

11:15 Colonel Jack Beam of Denver called with reference to arrival of Colonel Bubb enroute to Walter Reed Hospital.

11:45 Col. Flickinger

11:55 Gen. Chauncey

12:00 Gen. Harper

12:30 Lunch

2:00 To Gen. Partridge's Office for conference.

3:00 Gen. Henry on the following - with reference to meeting on Monday to decide whether the Pacific Route or the Northwest Staging Route is going to be used for the Air Lift for exercise in Alaska. Gen. Henry stated the joint Board was of opinion the inside route and the Alaskan Highway that parallels it are most desirable to be retained if not essential for the Air Support of Alaska. The Canadian Cabinet has called on its members to present a United States Defense for the maintenance of that system. If we want that system maintained we should show some interest by using it. The winter maneuver is our chance. If you go up the other way there will be no air lift until you strike Anchorage and Gen. Van stated that is the reason we are considering the inside route — there are the worst icing conditions up there in the world. Only 20 days when it is clear and Gen. Henry said we had lots of money on the inside route and the Canadian Government had reimbursed us for it. Gen. Vandenberg stated to General Henry "What you are saying is that you would prefer from the Joint Board's viewpoint that we use the inside route — use it at least for part of the maneuver. I don't entirely agree but I will bear it in mind when we talk about it on Monday when Quesada will be present."



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3:20 P.M. Mr. Symington Called Gen. Vandenberg. Gen. Van stated that the budget is the most distressing thing he has come up against and the next distressing is trying to find out why we are not getting anywhere on the Alaskan lift. Said he had talked to General Gaffney and called Gen. Norstad and didn't get much there — apparently Craig's Headquarters is the one that has the essay and here they put in for eight million for the Ground Force and four million for Air Fields and that kind of business isn't going to help a bit when we get unification. We had a conference for about 3 hours on airplane procurement. We come in for things that couple of colonels and majors in the back room have agreed is Air Force policy — but we have a procedure now and will see what comes out of it. Mr. Symington stated the fewer the models the better. Mr. Symington stated that Don Burrows, now with War Assets would be tops and would help General Rawlings an awful lot, as he did not want "Ed" to drop Cost Accounting for Budget — that he considered Cost Accounting the most important. Gen. Van stated that he would like to come out and see Mr. S. after we get a little further along. Mr. S. said he would be in San Francisco and the Los Angeles area around the 10th.

3:45 P.M. General Gardner said he had been worrying lest the Navy might get gasoline procurement but instead they are now suggesting a Joint Procurement System. General Gardner thinks it is a very good idea but wanted to check with General Vandenberg before he called General Lutes back. General Vandenberg agreed that it is all right for the interim because the new Secretary of National Defense will probably have ideas of his own — he might go along with it or he might not.

4:00 P.M. General Booth called to tell General Vandenberg that Mr. Patterson had resigned effective the 24th and that General Royall is being appointed Secretary of War effective the 24th. Gen. Van stated he would give Mr. Symington a call..

4:10 P.M. Gen. Vandenberg called Mr. Royall to extend his congratulations and best wishes both for himself and General Spaatz who was flying.

Colonel Ordway called re Rio conference, which is to be a Working Committee composed of State, War and Navy Departments. Colonel Ordway wanted name of the general officer the AAF is going to send to Rio. General Vandenberg gave him General Weyland's name. State Department people think the conference will be finished in about 10 days. Colonel Ordway will keep General Weyland informed.

General Welsh called to say that he is going to have some repair work done Tues. afternoon, which should take about a couple of hours.

General Welsh also stated that if the Hoffman bill passes and the Nimitz clause is retained, there is a possibility of a Presidential veto.

4:45 P.M. Home



21 July 1947

9:05 a.m. Arrived office

Gen Chauncey & Gen O'Donnell

9:30 Gen Twining

9:35 Gen Hoag to call back for a luncheon date with Gen Van.

9:55 Col White on phone requesting that he (Col White) come to a meeting of the Budget with Wright Fld representatives.

10:00 Meeting with Wright Fld representatives on the Budget.

12:30 p.m. Lunch with Gen Twining

1:30 Returned

2:00 To conference on Alaskan Air Routes, held in the Air Room with General Quesada present.

3:15 Returned

3:15 Gen George

4:20 Mr. Shaw on the phone with reference to putting Fighter Group at Turner, Troop Carrier at Moody, and TACAR at Morrison. Do not want to get in trouble as we did at Ft. Warren.

4:30 Mr. Vandevanter of the N.Y. Times

5:00 Gen Quesada

5:30 Home



22 July 1947

9:10 a.m. Arrived office.

Gen Chauncey with mail.

9:17 Col. Carpenter on phone. Gen Van stated that one of the columnists said in the paper this morning that we were a military department and therefore not on a par with the Navy & Army and were worse off than before. Col Carpenter he said he had told the reporter that the law stated we were a military department and not an executive department. He said he thought this was a Navy scheme and that there was no intention to make the Air Force the same character as the Navy & Army. Col Carpenter said "Military" may not be the same as "Executive," and thought this was a bad thing in the law.

10:25 Mr. Robt Lovett, Ass't Secy of State, on the phone--stated that he was to testify in the Brewster Investigation Committee next week with reference to the Kaiser-Hughes (HK1). Felt that he should see the file on that and asked if Gen Van would get it out so that he could come over and take a look. Gen Van said he would have the file in his personal office for him when he came over. - *completed*

10:55 Gen LeMay

11:00 Mr. Leo

12:15 Col. Earl DeFord

12:20 \*\* See next page.

12:30 Lunch

1:35 Return

1:45 Gen. Sims - Gen. Sam Anderson

2:00 Commanders Meeting

4:00 Return

4:05 Gen. Cannon

4:35 Cong. Bishop's secretary on phone with reference to the Congressman's request for a plane ride to San Francisco on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. General Vandenberg said he would check and let him know this afternoon or tomorrow a.m. With reference to return trip advised him to get in touch with the local Air Force commander as it was difficult for him to know planes coming from that area. *Turned over to Gen Chauncey*



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\*\* 12:20 p.m. Col White returned Gen Van's call. Gen Van asked him what the status was on the '48 appropriation. Col White replied that there was no definite action on it. Col White said that there were no rumors except that judging from the Navy Bill, he would judge that the War Dept would get about 80% of the recommendation and the Air Forces would get even more than that.

4:40 Mr. Shaw

4:42 Gen Spaatz

4:45 Congressman Harness of Indiana on the phone to find out the situation with respect to taking officers in from the Reserve to the Regular Army who might be over age. Gen Van advised the WD had set a policy to which no exceptions have been made to date. He advised that integration of officers into the Army has been on age groups in grade so that 10 or 15 years from now we will not have a hump. Congressman Harness had in mind Major Donald G. Lambert an Attorney (patent) out at Wright Fld., who is 4 months over age, and has not made application due to that fact. Congressman says he understands the Air Forces would like to retain him, and perhaps a waiver could be made in his case. Gen Van to look into it and call Congressman Harness.

5:10 Gen Chauncey

5:15 Gen Welsh on the phone re possibility of someone for the National Guard & Reserve—suggested Tim Manning and Gen Van said he was a good "guy" etc. Gen Van asked how long his primary basic training was going to be tied up with the Navy. Gen Welsh advised it was their airplane and Gen Van asked him if he could get it turned loose for a loan to the Army for 3 weeks. Gen Welsh said he would take a reading and call him up tomorrow after noon.

5:20 Gen Kissner. Information for the British and suggested method of answering Bissell's cable which Gen Van approved.

5:23 Mr. Zuckert with a message from Mr. Symington reference organization of AMC.

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8:55 a.m. Arrived

9:00 Col Carpenter

(9:03) Gen Chauncey

9:30 Gen Weyland

9:40 Gen Streett on phone asking if he could come down and talk about recruiting.

9:45 Gen Hood re Air Base organization of the flying training command on which I told him it would not deviate from the plan until Gen Cannon's alternate plan had been received & compared with the original.

10:00 Gen Streett with reference to recruiting.

10:30 Gen Orval Cook reference memorandum to Gen Lutes on the subject of duplication in repairs, utilities and construction functions in the AAF.

11:12 Gen Maxwell

11:40 Col White, Col Mac Crum, Col Swofford and two representatives from the Bureau of the Budget reference Unification plan.

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:20 Returned

1:30 Mr. Fields of the N. Y. Mirror, for article re Gen Vandenberg to be published on Air Forces Day.

2:30 Gen Upston - movements in General Officers.

3:30 To Gen Paul's office (G-1) reference Gen Bevans & Air Nat. Gd. General recommended by Governor Warren. Gen Paul to call Gen Van on both subjects.

4:12 Mr. Leo re Gen Van's speech for Air Force Day.



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4:40 p.m. Col Harris Hull re speech before Veterans of Foreign Wars.  
(Cleveland) Col Hull to get additional information.

4:45 Gen Chauncey

5:00 Home



24 July 1947

8:40 a.m. Arrived office

8:55 Gen Spaatz & Col Swofford

9:23 Gen LeMay & Gen O'Donnell

9:30 Gen J. W. Jones & Gen McDonald & Mr. Leo re leaks in Air Force secrets.

10:00 Mr. Boutelle on phone asking him for lunch. Gen Van to call him back at 12:00.

10:25 To Office of Secretary of War with Gen Spaatz for farewell speech by Judge Patterson.

11:00 Returned and then to Gen Spaatz' office where Mr. Lovett was present.

11:15 Representatives of Piasecki Helicopter Co. with model & pictures. Gen Spaatz & Gen Weyland also present with Gen Van.

11:40 To Mr. Symington.

12:05 p.m. Gen Fred Smith

12:20 Gen Stearley

12:30 To lunch with Mr. Boutelle

2:45 Returned and Gen LeMay was in Gen Van's office when Gen Van got back.

3:55 Col John Oberdorf, 9th Troop Carrier Command

4:00 Gen Boatner with the mail.

4:00 Mr. Leo



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5:00 p.m. Mr. Bruno on phone. Gen Van cancelled date for  
Saturday and hopes he can get up in September.  
(Montauk L.I.)

5:05 Home



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9:15 a.m. Arrived office

9:17 To Conference Room for briefing on fighters.

9:10 Major White notified Gen Weyland, McDonald, LeMay, O'Donnell to represent the AAF at the departure of Judge Patterson from ATC Terminal today, to be there between 2:30 and 2:40. The Judge will arrive 2:45 and take off at 3:00.

11:05 Returned from Briefing and to Mr. Symington

11:45 Returned from Mr. Symington's office.

12:30 p.m. Gen Harper re planes to take Foreign Committee to Europe & Japan. Gen Harper said he was sure he could do it and actually it would be a very good business to his way of thinking. Gen Van said he did not want to overload Gen Harper's people. Gen Harper said that they should have an aircraft available with a crack crew any time. Gen Harper informed Gen Van that they could take 24 with 4 portable bunks and 30 with just the seats. Gen Van said he would talk further with him on the subject.

12:45 To Mr. Symington

12:50 Colonel Flickinger

1:00 Gen Van called Gen Carter in Gen Marshall's office and told him that we would have to find out where this Foreign Committee wants to go, when and how long. Gen Carter informed Gen Van that this will not be a deal where Congress will have to appropriate the money to pay the War Dept for it. Gen Carter said that the only matter of principal that had to be decided upon this afternoon was whether or not the War Dept could bear the revenue out of its appropriations. Gen Van said we could give Gen Carter his answer when we found out where they want to go, when and how long. Gen Carter said he would find that out right away and call Gen Van back.

1:10 Gen Carter on phone re Foreign Committee going to Europe and Pacific by plane. Gen Carter informed Gen Van he has talked with Cong. Eaton. They had originally planned to break the Committee up into 3 or 4 Committees. They were more worried about getting around on ATC facilities than anything else. They are now considering the matter to see just what they are going to decide. They want to go to Europe and to the Pacific that is why they have split up into Groups. Gen Carter said he had talked to General Eisenhower

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and he said that the War Department would bear the tariff and they would have an airplane available for the whole Committee. Gen Eisenhower said that when they used Army transportation it would be free of charge. Gen Carter is waiting now for the call from the Committee as to whether or not they would be using the airplane. They also asked Gen Carter to contact the Navy to see if a boat could take them over. Gen Van informed Gen Carter to give any further information to Major White, if he is not here (Gen Van.)

1:13 p.m. Mr. Paul Fonda (Fairchild) on phone, informing Gen Van that they would get the trainer into the Training Command on Wednesday, the 13th of August for as long as they would like to have it.

1:15 To lunch

1:40 Gen Cannon on phone asking Gen Van if he had given anymore thought to gasoline. Gen van said we were working on it, and that we were getting some more bids in. Gen Cannon said that as far as the students go in the Trng Cmd, they should have enough gas to put them through, but if they hold them up it will throw a monkey wrench into the entire training program. Gen Cannon said that if the students are held up in this class it will mean they cannot take a class the 15th of October. Gen Cannon said they have no objections to the permanent party flying just enough for pay purposes but he did think that consideration should be given the Training Command for enough fuel to complete the training of the students they will have. Gen Van asked Gen Cannon if he had an estimate of what that would take. Gen Cannon said he didn't have it right there but he would get it to Gen Van. Gen Van asked that Gen Cannon estimate the minimum amount of gas that they will require. Gen Van said that as soon as he receives Gen Cannon's estimate of their minimum requirements he will give him a definite answer.

1:45 Gen Van called Colonel Feigel, A-3 and asked him what the situation was in regard to oil for the Training Command. Gen Van said that he wanted an answer for Gen Cannon on Monday. Gen Van said that Gen Cannon was going to send in his estimated minimum requirements. Gen Van asked Col Feigel to call back Sat. and give him a report.

2:00 Gen Sims

2:15 To Airport for departure of Judge Patterson and then for departure (Gen Van) for New York City (3:15).

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9:00 a.m. Arrived office  
Gen Chauncey with the mail.

9:20 Gen Sam Anderson on phone, advising that the War Dept had approved the Legion of Merit for Air Marshal Sanders.  
Gen Van advised that either he or Gen Spaatz would present it when the Air Marshal comes over here.

9:25 Gen Jones

9:30 To Mr. Symington with Gen Spaatz

10:20 Mr. Larry Bell

10:30 Gen Osborn & Gen Phillips with reference to the Hughes Investigat.

11:25 Mr. Burdette Wright

11:30 Gen Upston

12:20 p.m. Gen LeMay briefing on lunch with Dr. Conant (Atom Bomb)

12:25 Col Rosenblat on phone in regard to his being a Reserve Officer. He has been assigned to the 1st Air Force. He got a ltr to come out to Mitchel to sit in on some meetings etc. He claimed there was nothing he could do for the 1st Air Force. He said he was interested in the Air Reserve Program and was interested in getting an assignment in Wash., D. C. Where he could do the most good. Gen Van said that he would like to tell Mitchel Fld to leave him (Col Rosenblat) alone and that about Jan or Feb when things are more straightened out then he would fix his status. Col Rosenblat will go over to Mitchel himself and see what it is all about. He told Gen Van not to do anything, that he would take care of it himself.

12:40 To lunch w/Gen Spaatz, LeMay and Dr. Conant

1:40 Returned

1:45 Gen Persons, Norstad & LeMay

2:50 Gen Chauncey



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- 3:05 p.m. Gen LeMay & Gen Powers
- 4:10 Gens Kepner, Weyland, Power & Col Armstrong re Operations Crossroads.
- 4:30 Gen Twining on phone stating he is sending in a letter on 1948 aircraft production program. It has to do with moving fast on '48 production and to have something to show for our money. Gen Twining said that in regard to the Evaluation Board (Gen LeMay, Gen Van and Gen Twining) we want it 100%. It may be a little late for 1948 funds. Gen Twining said that Mr. Symington and General Spaatz said that we should move promptly. Gen Twining said that if we delay longer we are not going to have enough delivery to show. We are not in any way changing our mind about Evaluation Board. We still think we should have it. Gen Van said he was worried about after we are spending this money whether or not at the end of the time we get these airplanes, can somebody ask us why we bought those particular ones.
- 4:35 Under Secretary of Navy Sullivan on phone, stating that they have a problem involving Corpus Christi. He said that they have three aviation training centers at Corpus Christi, Pensacolo and Jacksonville. He said that they are not able to support three. He said that they are now working on the problem of contracting their training operations into 2 stations. He asked Gen Van if we were interested in Corpus Christi. Gen Van told Mr. Sullivan that we would like to look it over and would let him know.
- 5:00 Mr. Symington on phone saying that he called Larry Norstad after talking with the White House. He asked when this bill would go into effect. Mr. Symington said that Gen Norstad feels that it should be the 1st instead of the 15th of Sept. He said that Mr. Forrestal will bring this up tomorrow. Mr. Symington asked Gen Van if it wasn't true that we had been working on this quietly for a year. He also asked if it wasn't true that since Gen Van came in he had been working on it quite heavily. Some of the things will obviously be changed over and some will take time. Gen Van said there were three categories. Gen Van went on to say that there was a Class III Station which meant an Air Force Station. There is a category where there is some controversy but we feel should be transferred to us about October, November, December, or January. For instance the handling of the 1948 Budget. Gen Van said that money is in the War Dept and we are going to have to administer it but the indirect appropriation of the AAF<sup>with</sup> is in the hands of the War Dept and they already have it/in their system. We want to wait on that until that is cleared up. Gen Van stated that there is another category that depends on what the Secretary of National Defense decides. he is going to do with the hospital systems with various things that the Navy & the Army may want to get together as a central procurement agency and we will put our money into the pot. Mr. Symington reviewed what Gen Van said by stating; in other words there are the ones that really will have autonomy anyway. Gen Van said that those are the ones that



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we are going to try and get the 1st of Sept. Gen Van said there are several other categories that are going to take various lengths of time and we will work them out with the WD and the Navy Dept. Mr. Symington asked Gen Van if this was under his direction. Gen Van said yes. Mr. Symington then said that then there are ones that have to have the decision of the Secretary of National Defense. Mr. Symington stated that we have people, (personnel) money and we are getting control of the money anyway of our budget. Gen Van stated of the '49 direct Air Force. Gen Van said that we cannot take over all of the indirect of the '49 Budget right away because we have to build up our people in order to take care of that. Mr. Symington said that we are going to get our '48 as soon as we can and get our '49 automatically as we develop it. Gen Van agreed. Mr. Symington said that our personnel will come to us as soon as the WD says we can handle it and they will be the first to say we should handle personnel. Gen Van said that there is a joint recruiting program which we have contributed money to. Gen Van said we are looking at that now to see whether or not both the WD and the Air Force will recommend that there comes our share to us and should we handle it or should we continue to do it on a joint basis. That is another one of those longer term things that we are working out. This is not a September 1st job by any means. Mr. Symington suggested that Gen Van consider putting somebody like Mr. Zuckert in his office to do spade work for this thing. Gen Van agreed that it was a fine idea. Mr. Symington said in that case Mr. Zuckert could run around and see him wherever he was and if anything comes up he knows some of his philosophy and then Mr. Symington could present it to Gen Van. Gen Van told Mr. Symington that he just had a call from Sullivan in the Navy. He said that the Navy is giving up Corpus Christi. He said Gen Cannon was on the phone at the time and he asked him if he wanted it. Gen Van told Mr. Symington that Gen Cannon was going to run down and take a look at it, but he is not going to make any commitments. Gen Van said that would involve some politics and that if we take that we will have to give up some other stations. Mr. Symington said that we should give up the field we want the least.

5:07 p.m.

Gen Stearley on phone. Gen Van asked what happened to the promotion bill & Gen Stearley said he could not get a copy of it. Gen Van wanted to know when it went into effect & Gen Stearley said as soon as it was signed. Gen Van said Mr. Symington was very anxious about this bill. Gen Stearley to call back.

5:15

Gen Stearley called back and put a Colonel Baya on the line to talk to Gen Van. Colonel Baya said that the Bill as it passed both Houses, provides for not more than five 4 stars for the Army, four 4 stars for the Navy plus one for Marine Corps and four Air Corps.

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Col Baya repeated as the Bill passed the House there were:

- 4 Army
- 3 Air Corps
- 3 Navy
- 1 Marine

He said the Navy were begging for 6. The Senate Committee finally agreed to give them 5, two more than the House gave them. They gave the Army one more and the Air Force one more. It was amended on the Senate Floor to cut the Navy down. In other words Colonel Baya stated that it is 5, four and four, plus marine. Gen Van asked when we could start making promotions for permanent grades of Colonel, Brigadier General & Major General. Colonel Baya said the Bill was effective at once. He also said that nobody can be promoted unless recommended by a Selection Board, therefore this board will have to be set up. For promotion of Captain, Major & Lt Colonel--it is not effective until next year. All permanent promotions are suspended for 6 mos. On July 1st of next year they will make these initial promotions to fill vacancies and those not selected are not considered to have failed. Gen Van asked when we can promote 3 & 4 stars. Colonel Baya said that under existing law there is no limitations on the numbers. Col Baya said that under the bill the limit takes effect on July 1st, 1948. Gen Van stated that in other words we cannot have 6 four star people in the Air Forces after July 1948 but we can have up to 6 or 10 until that time. Colonel Baya said that the new provisions of this bill with respect to 4 & 3 star provide that the President of the United States will designate for the Army, Navy and AAF certain positions which will carry the extra rank of which it specified as Chiefs of AAF, Army, Navy will be 4 star. The senior representative to United Nations will be a three star. The President will designate positions which will carry that rank. Gen Van asked the Col if that meant we could promote Brigadier Generals right away and the Col said yes.



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8:35 a.m. Arrived  
Gen Chauncey

9:05 Gen Richardson

9:15 Gen Upston

9:15 Mr. Zuckert to come down and get a letter. (ltr to Gen Twining from Gen Spaatz)

9:20 Gen Sam Anderson

9:55 Gen Weyland

10:05 Gen LeMay, Colonel Armstrong, Sam Anderson, Kepner -- briefing on JCS for 10:30 Crossroads.

10:25 JCS Briefing on Crossroads (Meeting) Room 3E 869)

12:15 p.m. Mr. Sullivan Assistant Secretary of the Navy on the phone re delay in decision on Corpus Christi (this call made from the JCS meeting.)

1:30 Gen Powers & Gen LeMay

1:44 Gen Kenney on the phone. Gen Van informed him that just before the Secretary of War left he got a call from Raymond P. Brandt, who is the St. Louis Post Dispatch fellow here in Washington. Gen Van told Gen Kenney that he is going to have a flight over St. Louis on Air Force Day which Roger Ramey is leading. Mr. Brandt wanted to know if they could get in touch with Ramey, find out where he would be and at what time and try to fly at an altitude of about 2 or 3 thousand feet so that they could get their Beachcraft over the spot and get a very fine colored photograph or two. Mr. Brandt is at District 1088 at St. Louis. Gen Kenney said he would give Mr. Brandt the time of arrival at St. Louis and that he would contact him. Gen Van told Gen Kenney to try to please Mr. Brandt as much as he can as the Secretary wanted it to come off well.

2:30 Gen Harper on phone. Gen Van said that as he understood it Tunner knows more about the Air Transport Business than anybody. Gen Van asked him if he would be willing to take him for Beau, & give us Beau for Hqs.



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- 2:30 Gen Harper (Cont'd)  
Gen Van said that we had to get an Air Transport man in A-4 as we are now going to be in the Air Transport business, for the Army & the Navy. Gen Harper said that he suggested Jimmy Stole to Powers when he talked to him on the phone this morning. Gen Van said that he had already been given at key position at Wright Fld. Gen Van said we would think it over and wouldn't make any decision right at the minute.
- 2:40 General Hodes on phone. He said that this morning Gen Handy talked to Gen Spaat, after a conversation with Gen Marshall, in which they discussed the people going to the Rio Conference and they wanted to reduce the number going. They want to take Lampley off the list & this will leave Weyland from the AAF on.
- 3:25 Gen Cannon on phone. He said he went to Corpus to look it over. He said the Navy down there do not want to give it up and we do not want it. He said there is too much surplus stuff there, and its 90% temporary construction. Gen Van said that we will inform the Navy that we do not want it.
- 4:30 Mr. Finletter, Chairman Air Policy Board appointed by the President. Gen Van said that we would like to propose General Boatner's name. Mr. Finletter is going to give General Boatner a ring, in a day or so. Mr. Finletter said that Gen Boatner would be on duty over there a great deal. Gen Van said that if we find it is going to take all the time of an officer he would like to get somebody back from overseas that we think is especially qualified also, but that General Boatner would pinch-hit until we got someone else. Mr. Finletter said that he judged it would be a full time job until at least Jan. 1st.
- 4:58 Mr. Leo re Gen Van's New York speech for Air Force Day.
- 5:00 Gen Crawford reference his assignment.
- 5:20 Home.



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8:35 a.m. Arrived Office

8:35 Gen Chauncey

9:30 General Lyon

9:35 Mr. Leo on phone, asking Gen Van if his N.Y. utterances were in shape and would they be changed substantially. Mr. Leo said they would want to have them processed for distribution as such time as Gen Van would have them cleared. Mr. Leo said Gen Van was supposed to run between three quarters of an hour & an hour. Mr. Leo is going to keep calling Gen Van and he is going to try to get it tonight. This is in regard to Gen Van's speech in N.Y. on Air Force Day.

9:40 ✓ Gen Ramey on phone, re B-36 that is coming to Ft. Worth Friday. Gen Van said we have a policy to name all of these ships after States, but in this one case we will name it the City of Ft. Worth. Gen Van asked Gen Ramey to make arrangements to see that this name is painted on the ship etc.

9:45 Gen Upston re assignment of General officers.

9:55 To General Handy's office.

11:15 General Kuter on phone, stating that he has just returned from a "cross country". He sends regards from Hal George in Lima, Charlie Caldwell, Dick Nugent, Gordon Saville in Rio. Gen Van wanted to know what Gen Kuter thought of moving Gordon to the Military Attache and putting the other fellow down there in the mission. Gen Kuter said that Gordon was much more effective where he is not in the Intelligence racket at all. Gen Kuter said that the Air Policy Board are selecting Secretaries. They have had a discussion for a Secretary for the National Security box. That is one that will coordinate Strategic Military Air planning and the national economy of the country. Gen Kuter said that Henry Ford, II., is a member of this Air Policy Board. He said that Ford announced that he could get away from his Company the finest man in the world for us, who is Tex Thornton. Gen Kuter suggested that Gen Van let Thornton's appointment go through and find somebody like J. B. Montgomery. Gen Van said that Bryant Boatner is going to be Finletter's Air Advisor. Gen Van said if it is going to take too much time we might bring K. B. Wolfe back for it.

11:23 Gen Fred Smith on phone, recommending Col Scott to take his place in CAP. He recommended Col Scott very highly.

11:25 Gen Power

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11:40 a.m. Mr. Zuckert re Hughes Investigation

11:55 General Chauncey

12:05 p.m. Col Kinman from Langley Field - Personal.

12:40 General Doolittle on phone. Wanted to know what Gen Van's talk was going to be about so that he could base his accordingly, as he has to speak before Gen Van at Air Force Day in N.Y. Gen Van informed him it would be re the new Unification Command, how it fits into the Air Force and what the problems are etc. Gen Doolittle said that was 100% all right. Gen Doolittle asked Gen Van to call him when he arrived in N.Y., at Atwater 9-7654.

12:30 Colonel Montgomery

1:15 Back from lunch

1:15 Gen Powers in to see Gen Van re briefing for Aero Board.

2:30 Colonel White

2:45 Mr. Leo

2:50 Col Hull

3:00 Gen Hood comments on letter from Mr. Zuckert re AAF Base Org.

3:30 General Boatner

3:55 General Sam Anderson

4:00 Gen Kenney wanted a copy of the report of the Joint Chiefs of Staff meeting. Gen Van said it was Top Secret and they have not made it public. Gen Kenney wanted to know if they weren't going to let it out to him & Gen Van said he would take it up with Gen Spaatz when he got back. Gen Kenney said that as long as they dropped the thing, he is interested to see what happened. They also discussed the possibility of moving the Strategic Air Command. Gen Van told Gen Kenney that he expected Gen Spaatz would want his recommendation (Gen Kenney's) within a week or two as to the best place to move SAC. Gen Kenney stated that he would like to have more personnel and quicker.



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4:07 p.m. Gen Van Trecht to introduce Captain Stram, Royal Netherland Navy

4:10 Gen Quesada on phone, he informed Gen Van that he was leaving tonight for England via Los Angeles. He wanted to know if there was anything Gen Van or Gen Spaatz had that he could give as gifts to anyone in England. Gen Quesada is going from LOS Angeles to Westover Fld. Gen Van said that he would like to get something to Jack Slessor. Gen Quesada said he would take care of it and let Gen Van know about the cost etc. Gen Quesada will be at the Biltmore Hotel until Friday afternoon. He will leave to go to March Fld Friday afternoon and will leave March Fld around 8:00 O.C. He will be at March Fld Saturday.

4:40 Mr. Leo

5:00 Mr. Laddon, Consolidated Vultee.

5:15 Home.

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9:05 a.m. Arrived Office.  
Gen Chauncey

9:25 Gen Powers

9:28 Gen Ferenbaugh on phone, asking Gen Van to speak for 2 minutes on anything he wants to say about Air Forces (some particular operation etc.) A talk to the boys (Military District of Wash.) There will be about 117 boys. This will be at 11:30 Monday, August the 4th. Gen Van accepted.

✓ 9:50 Col Montgomery re appointment of Gen Leonard Thomas

9:55 Mr. Shaw on phone re Gen "Pop" Powers and his testimony and also that probably Echols will want to look at the files and Gen Van asked Mr. Shaw to drop by with Mr. Zuckert. (Hughes Case).

10:00 Gen Powers talked to Major Lewis on phone from Gen Van's office.  
" " asked Major Lewis where we got the OK for General Meyers & General Echols to look at the Hughes case records. Maj Lewis said that General Stace gave the OK for Gen Meyers. Maj Lewis said as for Gen Echols there was no OK. Major Lewis coordinated with Colonel Chapman of the Office of Legislative Services and they both thought it was all right for the records to be made available to Gen. Echols because it would be to the benefit of our Hqs for our witnesses to be well-briefed. Gen Powers informed Maj Lewis not to make the records available to anybody unless they have been cleared by the Council for the Committee. Gen Powers informed Maj Lewis to operate only on the OK of Brackley Shaw.

10:10 Colonel Harris Hull re current News Comment. Col Hull recommended that it be continued in its present form & distribution.

10:30 Gen Handy on phone with message from Gen Eisenhower re Craig. Gen Van to Gen Handy's office.

11:25 Gen McMullen on phone re transfer of Col. Briggs to Johnson's 15th Air Force. Gen McMullen would appreciate Gen Van's approving this. Gen Van informed Gen McMullen that this has been OK'd.

11:35 To Mr. Symington's office to talk to him on phone in Genesa, N. Y.

12:10 p.m. Gen Upston

12:15 Gen Cannon on phone re General Twining needing a good man to straighten out some personnel problems at the Materiel Command which is quite an administrative job. ~~Gen Van wondered if he~~



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12:15 p.m. Gen Cannon on phone (Cont'd)  
Tom White is coming back from the Pacific to replace Gen Chauncey. Gen Van asked Gen Cannon if we could swop Chauncey for him for Al Kincaid. Gen Cannon said he would like to think about that. Gen Van said that if we had to take Hodges (and he didn't think we would) would Gen Cannon consider Chauncey taking his job. Gen Cannon said he would consider that all right. Gen Van would prefer to leave Hodges there. Gen Cannon said that he would prefer to have Hodges & he would hate to lose Kincaid.

12:45 Lunch

1:30 Returned - Gen Timberlake

1:40 Gen Fairchild

1:55 Gen Crawford on phone

2:20 Colonel Harris Hull

2:45 Mr. Leo re newspaper man Van Etta. Clipping saying that as soon as the Secretary signs the bill, the Air Force will take over all installations. Gen Van wondered if we were jumping the gun. Mr. Leo assured Gen Van all was OK.

3:00 Departed for N. Y. for Air Force Day 1 August 1947.







































































































