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DIGEST OF THE DIRECTOR'S  
STAFF CONFERENCE  
15 MARCH 1955

TO: Chiefs of Offices and Staff Divisions

FROM: Deputy Chief of Staff/Administration

1. ADJUTANT GENERAL

Reported on the aluminum boxes used to transport raw traffic between AHS and Fort Meade.

2. COMPTROLLER

Advised that funds obligated to Maintenance and Operations as of 11 March amounted to 54%. Funds obligated to Research and Development as of the same date amounted to 71%. As of 31 March, it is estimated that funds to M&O will be 58% obligated and to R/D, 81% obligated.

3. DCS/O

Announced that the NSA Scientific Advisory Board will meet 6 and 7 April with 8 April held open for conferences between members. In the absence of Mr. Friedman, Chairman, the Deputy Director, R/D, is preparing the agenda.

4. PLANS AND POLICY

Reported on the recently held conference at Ottawa. It is felt that this conference was most helpful to all concerned and quite successful.

5. PERSONNEL

Reported on the strength of military and civilian personnel as of 28 February:

Military:      Officer    - 153 short  
                  Enlisted   - 255 short

Civilian Personnel: 333 short.

Because of Service-wide personnel shortages, it is not contemplated that any improvement will be experienced in military strengths.

6. DCS/A

Reported the contributions to date in the NSA 1955 Red Cross Drive amounted to \$13,957.90 from 6163 personnel. Small amounts in final returns are anticipated to push the final amount to \$14,000.

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7. DIRECTOR

"For the purpose of the record, I would say that the civic consciousness of the uniformed and civilian members of NSA is very, very high. I think the people who have run this campaign deserve a vote of thanks. I think the people who did contribute probably deserve at least that much thanks.

"I trust that we have proved to our critics in the Pentagon that we do what we are told to do, when we are told to do it."

*Eugene J. Cogan*  
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