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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous

1. Dillon Committee - A Reminder - You indicated that you might want to talk to Kermit Gordon about the possibility of putting the necessary money for the Secret Service into the Budget without checking back with the President. It would probably be a good idea to talk to Gordon soon since I understand that the Budget will be closed for printing in the very near future. Gordon's office tells me that he will be back in Washington on Thursday.

If we don't take this route, then it means that somebody will have to get hold of the President and get his explicit approval before we run out of time.

2. My Christmas Plans - I plan to spend Christmas with my in-laws in New Jersey this weekend and to be back in Washington on Monday night. I will be reachable on 609-882-3987.

3. British Guiana - Bill Cobb gave me a few high-lights of the recent US/UK meeting in London. First, Greenwood is still thinking that a rapprochement between Jagan and Burnham would be a good thing. However, he does not yet seem to be prepared to do anything about it. Second, the British Ministers are not sure they like us to be in the operational covert business. (Our people feel that a covert operation in BG is necessary to get a first-class penetration of the PPP; to build up an alternative East Indian party; to give guidance to Burnham; and to help BG get some markets for their rice.) The British are presently in the process of reviewing their policy on BG to see whether they want to continue things as they are or whether they want to see some changes; presumably, the covert question will be covered in this general review. Meanwhile - business as usual. Third, the British don't want us to talk to Burnham about economic aid before they have had a chance to talk to the Governor. We expect to hear from the British in a week or two on this question, and do not expect any trouble; they seem to like our economic program.

Bill said the talks, on the whole and as usual, were forthright and friendly.

GC
Gordon Chase

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