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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With WUSLAB/17 on 24 February 1970

- 1. WUSLAB/1 phoned on 21 February and told me of his medical plans. He had been examined by the doctors at NIH, who confirmed the verdict that he had small and large tears in his two retina. The NIH/specialists had photographed his retinas and on the basis of their examination they think he should have an operation on the largest tear in the left retina and use friosurgery on some of the other holes. They have arranged to have W/1 examined at a retina clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. W/1 will go there on 27 February. He will also go back to NIH/on 25 February where they will check the hematology of his blood. The blood vessels in the eye and even the lids are enlarged, so they will check his blood out.
  - 2. I went to \[ \text{W/l's} \] home as arranged by the phone call on 24 February at 1100. \( \text{W/l} \) was alone in the downstairs part of the house. He was wearing dark glasses and the light was muted. He has been confined to his house pretty much, but asked for a ride downtown as he had to sign checks in his office. He is not reading anything and cannot look at television.
- 3. [W/1] recently received a call from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the OPI in New York stating that both the head and the deputy of the UN office in Mexico City were resigning at the end of this year. This is not only an OPI office, but also UNDP, etc. [W/1 showed some interest in the position in Mexico. [Vladimiro Pavlechenko] phoned and wished him well on his eyesight problem. [Pavlechenko] made a joke about political vision.
- 4. In commenting on health W/1 said that he had seen Ralph Bunche in New York on one of his recent trips. Bunche did not recognize him at once. Bunche then said that he expected to be blind by the end of 1970. The Soviets had arranged for him to be examined at a famous eye clinic in Odessa. They had told him that there was nothing they could do, or could be done to save his sight. Bunche's eyes suffer from a deterioration of the blood vessels in the eye.

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- 5. Jose Rolz-Bennett has aged rapidly in recent years. He has lost a great deal of weight. He suffers from a clorestral condition.
- 6. [W/l's wife on 26 February] is having a tea to which Mrs. Sanjines is invited, [W/l] expects that Sanjines may himself agear. [He phoned W/l] recently, but said that there was nothing new. The Bolivian Finance Minister Losada is in Washington at the moment having arrived over the weekend.

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