

Truman

Maj. Edwin Easley provost marshal at Roswell (deaths confession)
In charge of security

"he had promised the President that he would never reveal what he had learned." (daughter Harold Granite)

An aircraft carrying a special secret service envoy representing President Truman arrives at the RAAF from Washington. Aviation pioneer A. Lindbergh is also on the flight. (July 9th late morning)

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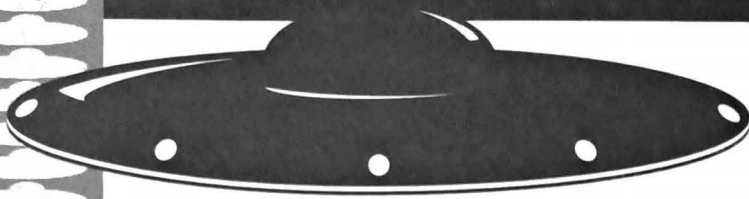
The earliest name I have listed is a B/Gen Joseph T. Morris Aug 28, 1948-March 28, 1952, as 2750th Air Base Wing. A Postings Army newspaper states on November 9, 1945, that Wright and Patterson Fields are merged and that Morris succeeds B/G Barton starting in 1945. The base was also called Army Air Force Technical Base then Air Force Technical Base. Morris was commander of all. A Brig/Gen.C Pratt Brown was commander from March 29, 1952 to September 30, 1953.

Regards,
George Filer

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ROSWELL INCIDENT TIMELINE



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Holiday, July 4, 1947, about 11:50 pm

Mac Brazel, rancher on the Foster ranch (75 miles NW of Roswell), heard a loud noise, different from the thunder.

Two nuns at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell saw what they believed was an airplane crash. The tower at the base tracked and reported a "descending flash" that they tracked on radar.

July 5

Brazel was routinely riding/working the ranch property with his neighbor's son Dee Proctor (age 7) and discovered the debris field 30 hundred yards wide (3 football fields) and 3/4 of a mile long. He picked up a sackful of the "stuff."

July 6

Brazel takes his sackful of stuff to Sheriff Wilcox in Roswell; Wilcox calls Intelligence Officer Jesse Marcel at the base and Marcel comes into town to investigate. Marcel decides to follow Brazel back to the ranch and they stay in a cabin that night.

July 7

Brazel and Marcel investigate the debris site on the ranch. Marcel stops at his house and shows his son (age 11, Jesse Jr.) some of the stuff. Marcel shows the stuff to his boss, Col Blanchard.

Glenn Dennis gets a call from RAAF about the number of child-size caskets he has in stock, and when could he get more; the base also called other times on how to preserve bodies that had been exposed to the weather—strictly for future reference. Glenn Dennis took an airman who had been riding on a motorcycle and hit a cattle truck to the base hospital and saw strange stuff in the back of ambulances.

Glenn went into the hospital and saw his nurse friend who said to get out of there immediately. He was escorted out of there by the military, with threats to his life.

July 8

Col. Blanchard, head of RAAF (Roswell Army Airfield), told his PR officer, Lt. Walter Haut, to issue the press release (2 PM) about the UFO recovery. The military philosophy was to inform the public that the craft was not there anymore so the public would not attempt to explore the Brazel site.

Marcel takes some of the debris to Ft. Worth to Gen. Ramey. Gen. Ramey spreads the debris on the floor of his office, tells Marcel to step out of the room for something, and when Marcel returns, the debris has been replaced with weather balloon debris. Ramey tells Marcel not to speak and the disclaimer photo is shot (4 PM, for the July 9 newspapers).

During the period of July 9–12, Brazel is held by the military so they could "inspire" him to modify his story to that of a crashed weather balloon. Brazel died remaining silent on this event.

Glenn Dennis met the nurse (per appointment) and she drew what she saw—big eyed alien—on the examining table; she was taking notes. She was transferred the next day to England and was declared dead soon after that (by the military).

July 9

Gen Ramey issues a press release to the AP that the saucer story is just a weather balloon. "Pappy" Henderson, pilot, flies the alien bodies (that he saw) from RAAF to 1) Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH, or 2) Denver, CO, or 3) Ft. Worth, TX.

July 247

10:30 Lt. General James
Doolittle and Deputy AAF
Chief General Hoyt Vandenberg
meet with Stuart Symington

11:58 Vbg ~~John~~ calls Presidents
office

12:50 Vandenberg / Symington
meet with JCS

2:30 Vandenberg / Symington meet
again

10:30 AM. Maj Gen. Leslie Groves,
head of Armed Forces Special
(Atomic) Weapons project & Gen
Robert Montague, commander of
the Army Guided Missile School
meet with Vdgt Lt. May

Truman was called
a liar, cheat, fool,
coddler of subversives,
and worst President in
history. P-285

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Phone Calls

July 7.

800 General Graham out live nm

July 8.

755 General Graham \ OK
945 Sec't Forrester OK
10 Rose Conway
532 General Graham
630 Dr. Steelman

July 9, 1947

meeting with Sen. Carl A Hatch N. Mexico 1030.

837 Secty Snyder OUT
837 Dir Webb OUT
940 Forrester OK
301 Sen Hatch Don Clark Room
302 Sen Barkley
419 Chris Murphy to Pass office right away

Matt Connelly phones DeLoittle out NY

Trip of the President
to
Charlottesville, Virginia

July 3-6, 1947

Thursday, July 3, 1947

Lv. Washington (by automobile).....2:00 P.M. e.d.s.t.
Ar. Charlottesville.....5:00 P.M. e.d.s.t.
(approximately)

Friday, July 4, 1947.

The President will attend ceremonies and speak
at Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson at
12:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

Sunday, July 6, 1947

Leave Charlottesville for Washington. Time to be announced
later.

Members of the party:

The President

Hon. John W. Snyder

Wednesday, July 4:

9.15 am (Went aboard S.S. POTOMAC for Cruise on
Potomac River)



The President's Day

What do you do in a day? Meet with your boss, employees, clients? Go out to friends? Go to the dentist, the grocery store, or school? Come see what President Truman did every day of his Presidency! Search for a specific day (what was Truman doing on your birthday?) or search for a specific person (how many times did President Truman meet with George Marshall?). President Truman also met with numerous everyday citizens during the course of his duties--did he meet with relatives? Search the calendar to find out!



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Monday, July 7, 1947

- [Public Papers: Special Message to the Congress on Admission of Displaced Persons]
- 10:45 am Honorable Carl Bailey, former Governor of Arkansas
- 11:00 am Honorable James E. Webb, Director, Bureau of the Budget
Mr. Frederick J. Lawton
Mr. Leo C. Martin
Mr. J. Weldon Jones
- 12:00 pm Vice Admiral C. A. Lockwood, USN
(Is retiring voluntarily from the Navy - to say "goodbye" - arranged by Admiral Foskett)
- 12:15 pm (Ennis B. Gicker)
(Wrote Mr. Connelly, stating he is nephew of Frank Ennis and Raymond Allbee, of Kansas City, friends of the President. He is leaving Washington July 12th for residence in San Francisco, after a tour of duty with War Department. Asked to pay respects before leaving.)
- 12:30 pm Honorable Paul V. McNutt
- 12:45 pm The Secretary of State [George C. Marshall]
(Usual Monday appointment)
- 1:00 pm (Lunch)
- 3:00 pm Honorable Gordon R. Clapp, Chairman, Board of Directors, Tennessee Valley Authority
Lt. General Raymond A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, USA
Major General Lewis A. Pick, of Army Engineers

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3:30 pm

(Dr. John Steelman)
(Re flood control)
Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy
(Admiral Foskett)

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MR. ROSS'S
PRESS AND RADIO CONFERENCE
JULY 7, 1947
AT 10.35 AM EDT
MONDAY

MR. ROSS: The Message on displaced persons about which I have received so many inquiries lately will go up today and be ready shortly.

Q. Do you know how long it will run, Charlie?

MR. ROSS: No, I don't. Do you, Eben? Have you seen the text?

MR. AYERS: Runs about two pages -- full pages.

MR. ROSS: 600 words?

MR. AYERS: More than that -- perhaps a thousand.

MR. ROSS: You mean two mimeographed pages.

Q. Does it have to do with the RRO or the whole question?

MR. ROSS: You will have it in a very few minutes.

Here are two nominations, both re-appointments, for release when delivered to the Senate: Joseph T. Botava, of Nebraska, to be U. S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska, and Joseph E. Proudfit, of Nebraska, to be U. S. Marshal for the District of Nebraska -- both re-appointments.

The President has just signed an Act for the establishment of a commission on organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. That was the bill regarding which Senator Lodge and Congressman Brown of Ohio, came in to talk to the President the other day.

Q. Do you know that number?

MR. ROSS: Joint sponsors of it. H.R. 775. Also H.R. 3611, an Act fixing and regulating the salaries of teachers, school officers and other employees of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia. That's all I have.

Q. Charlie, do you know when the President's next economic report will go up? Is that imminent?

MR. ROSS: I shouldn't say it is very imminent, but it is in the works. The economic council is working on the report. Just what program they have followed, I don't know. I suggest you talk to Director Nourse about his plans.

Q. Charlie, the law ---

MR. ROSS: (adding) I know they are at work on the reports.

Q. The law doesn't require another report to Congress itself at this time, does it?

MR. ROSS: It is my understanding it will be a report to the President, but again I suggest you consult with the council itself.

Q. I believe that Brown-Lodge bill calls for appointment of members of the commission, part of them by the President?



MR. ROSS: That is correct.

Q. Has he made any decision on appointments?

MR. ROSS: Oh Heavens, no. The bill has just barely been signed.

Q. How about the labor board?

MR. ROSS: None today.

Q. That is Brown of ---

MR. ROSS: (interjecting) Ohio.

Q. Ohio.

Q. Can you tell us about some of these people coming in today?

MR. ROSS: Webb is coming in on budgetary problems. He is now with the President. Vice Admiral Lockwood, retiring voluntarily from the Navy, coming in to say farewell.

Q. Do you know what his assignment is now, by any chance?

MR. ROSS: I don't.

Q. Judge Advocate General?

Q. No, Inspector General.

MR. ROSS: The Secretary of State is coming in for his regular Monday appointment at 12.45. At 12.30 former Ambassador McNutt is coming in, and at three o'clock Gordon Clapp, Chairman of the Board of Directors of T.V.A., and Lieutenant General Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, and Major General Pick of the Army Engineers, coming in to discuss problems of flood control, with particular reference of course to those recent floods in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.

Q. Any White House angles on the flying saucers?

MR. ROSS: On what?

Q. On the flying saucers?

MR. ROSS: Flying saucers?

Q. Three columns a day they have been printing?

Q. That's the new serpent of Lochness, Charlie.

MR. ROSS: I thought you meant the flying trip back from Charlottesville. I read that he came back at 65 miles an hour, which would have landed the President, in the time taken, somewhere in the vicinity of Annapolis, I take it.

Q. Well, Charlie, if you touch 65 occasionally you don't necessarily average 65, isn't that ---

MR. ROSS: (interposing) "President maintained a steady speed near 65 miles an hour."



Q. I didn't see that one.

MR. ROSS: Do a little simple arithmetic. It took two hours and 45 minutes to get back. If you maintain a steady speed of 65 miles an hour, you would have got here in a little under two hours, instead of two hours and 45 minutes. As a matter of fact, the speed was about 50 miles, except occasionally in passing, under the direction of the police, he hit 60, slowing to 35 through built-up places.

That's all.

Q. Thank you.



MR. ROSS'S
PRESS AND RADIO CONFERENCE
JULY 9, 1947
AT 10.40 AM EDT
WEDNESDAY

Q. What's the latest on the discs, Ross?

MR. ROSS: I have heard nothing this morning.

The President has signed the appropriation act for the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce, and Judiciary, together with other - - -

Q. (interposing): What's the number of that one?

MR. ROSS (continuing): -- Acts. That is number -- H.R. 3311. There will be a press and radio conference at 10.30 tomorrow.

Q. Do you know how much that appropriation is for, Charlie?

MR. ROSS: Not at the moment. I will find out. Any questions about this list?

Q. Just why are they all coming in? (laughter)

MR. ROSS: I don't know why Senator Hatch is coming in. Msgr. John Patrick Carroll-Abbing is the founder and director of Boys Town of Italy, and acting representative in Italy of American relief for Italy. He is an American citizen. I have something about him here. He is on a tour of the United States. He is acting foreign representative of American Relief for Italy, Inc., which organization has forwarded more than 60 million pounds of vitally needed supplies for free distribution to destitute people in Italy.

Q. 60 million pounds?

MR. ROSS: 60 million pounds. He has also worked toward the rehabilitation of homeless and orphaned children in Italy with various projects including the Boys Town. That seems to be about all.

Q. Do you know what Burton Wheeler is coming in for?

MR. ROSS: No, I do not. He simply asked for the appointment.

Q. Is there any stunning political significance in the visit of the New York Herald Tribune publisher?

MR. ROSS: No stunning political significance, no.

Mrs. Reid, I understand, has lately returned from Europe and wishes to tell the President about her observations over there.

Q. What about Secretary Snyder and Webb?

MR. ROSS: That has to do with problems of the Budget.

Q. What's troubling the Democrats down in the southwest?

MR. ROSS: Nothing, particularly, just one of those series of meetings with party leaders.

Q. Dewey is getting them roused up down there, isn't he?

MR. ROSS: I don't know where he is. This is one of a series of meetings arranged by the Democratic Committee.



Q. Been going on for four months now.

MR. ROSS: One of several groups that have been here.

Q. I don't think but one or two sections of the country are left.

MR. ROSS: I think the country has been pretty well covered.

Q. Series of ten from the start.

MR. ROSS: Yes.

Q. Charlie, the Democrats started out with a program of ten of these meetings. Do you know whether this is the last one or not?

MR. ROSS: I don't know. John Redding can tell you about that. I think this is near the end.

Q. Thank you, sir.

Q. Thank you, sir.



Congress to be called back, it will be called. I don't anticipate that there will be any necessity for it.

[8.] Q. Mr. President, have you seen any flying saucers?

THE PRESIDENT. Only in the newspapers. [Laughter]

Q. Any explanations of them from over here?

THE PRESIDENT. Only the explanations I have seen in the newspapers. Did you ever hear of the moon hoax?

[9.] Q. Mr. President, do you have any comment on the contract signed by the United Mine Workers and the owners of the coal mines?

THE PRESIDENT. No comment. That is a contract strictly between the owners and the miners. I have no comment on it.¹

Q. Is there a study being conducted within the Government, sir, as to the effect that might have on the general level of prices?

THE PRESIDENT. None that I know of. Mark Sullivan probably can tell you. [Laughter]

[10.] Q. Mr. President, what are the prospects for a trip west this fall?

THE PRESIDENT. None.

Q. Next spring, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT. None.

Q. Mr. President, have you decided anything about this trip across the country this fall with party leaders?

THE PRESIDENT. I was just saying that no plans were made for any trip anywhere.

[11.] Q. Mr. President, there was a story broke yesterday about this disappearance of the atomic energy secret papers. There are still persistent rumors this morning that the—in some publications—that the White Sands—rather Los Alamos was not the only one. Have you had any—

THE PRESIDENT. I think Senator Hickenlooper very clearly explained the situation in his statement to the Senate. He is chairman of that committee, and I am perfectly willing to accept his statement on the matter. They have been investigating it.¹

[12.] Q. Mr. President, what is your attitude toward the political arrests in Greece?

THE PRESIDENT. I have no attitude.

[13.] Q. Mr. President, have you heard about Roger Slaughter's speech saying that there would be a scandal breaking on this administration?

THE PRESIDENT. All I know about it is the memorandum that you sent in to me, Tony.²

[Laughter]

Q. That's below the belt!

THE PRESIDENT. I consider the source of the remarks which you said were made in the speech by Mr. Slaughter, so it doesn't worry me any.

[14.] Q. Mr. President, Congress and congressional leaders are attempting to get away the 26th of July. Do you see any reason why they shouldn't?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I don't see any reason why they shouldn't. Congress understands it much better than I do.

Q. There has been discussion as to whether they should recess or adjourn.

THE PRESIDENT. Well, that is up to the Congress. That is none of my business. I don't intend to adjourn them myself.

[Laughter]

[15.] Q. Mr. President, on this special session this fall, with the Marshall plan being discussed and probably some plan to evolve out of Europe, wouldn't that more or less necessitate some sort of action—

THE PRESIDENT. The—if the necessity arises we certainly will take whatever steps are necessary.

¹ See Congressional Record (vol. 93, p. 8494).

² Ernest B. Vaccaro of the Associated Press.

¹ See Item 142.

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 CIC

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 ^{GROUPS} ~~columns~~ 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

July 7, 1947 (Cont'd)

- 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 places 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.

July 7, 1947 (Cont'd)

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 Guerney 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. Guerney 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 ~~if~~ 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

- 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 hearing 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.

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.
- 9:55 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. Eowers 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. Syrington

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.