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developments in the Special Group by Mr. Murphy or Mr. Merchant?

for Political Affairs, the implication being that he would be the Under Secretary for Political Affairs if the Under Secretary, the number two fellow, handled the economic area, which Mr. Herter did, not when I was first appointed as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, but then when I became Under Secretary I took with me the economic responsibilities.

Mr. Dillon. Yes, major developments.

And I do remember over that year of sitting in occasionally on meetings that I presume were on that. But they all dealt

So the number three fellow was named Under Secretary for Political Affairs. It was Mr. Murphy first, and then Mr. Merchant. And they handled in each case all the details of the Special Group.

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Mr. Barron. And the liaison with the CIA?

Mr. Dillon. And the liaison with the CIA. That was not handled at the Assistant Secretary level, a great deal of it was done at the Assistant Secretary level, but when it got above that, it went to the Under Secretary of Political Affairs. On the other hand, when things were really important, I was notified, because I had to know about them if an emergency came up while the Secretary was out of town. But that was not my particular problem.

Mr. Barron. So you would be kept notified of major