

13 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Executive Pay Bill

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Met with Representative James H. Morrison to discuss the executive pay situation and express appreciation at his view as to the appropriate action to be taken in connection with the positions of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence in the executive pay structure. Mr. Morrison seemed very happy to discuss this, and he again pointed out that basically he was handling the Postal and Classified pay aspects whereas Mr. Udall had been dealing with the executive structure.
3. Mr. Morrison said the placement of the Director of Central Intelligence in the structure in the current bill is most inappropriate and he apologized for having let it come out this way. He indicated he had the highest regard for the Agency and the greatest of respect for the Director personally. He felt in these kinds of situations where the work of the Agency cannot be exposed to public view one must have trust or do away with it and he fully trusted the Agency and felt its work was extremely important. He indicated his view that there had been some finagling on the executive pay structure without the specific knowledge of Udall and Morrison and I gained the clear inference that he had in mind the Bureau of the Budget speaking as "the Administration."

4. Mr. Morrison stated that his plan is to introduce a Committee amendment. He also indicated that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs would be included. He urged that the Agency, preferably the Director, be in touch with the Chairman, Mr. Murray, and the Ranking Minority member, Mr. Corbett, just prior to the bill coming on the Floor. He stated he would undertake to advise me when this was to happen. He stated that getting this through was a matter of timing and that he would introduce it indicating Committee approval and with Murray and Corbett in agreement he doubted there would be any objection to a Committee amendment. He indicated he would undertake also to contact the Democratic membership on this in advance. I queried him on the possibility of a Rule prohibiting Committee amendments and he said that this would not be the case. Despite his offers to contact us, this is a matter which should and will be watched closely by this office.

5. Mr. Morrison was most gracious and pleasant during our long discussion and stated he was deeply appreciative of my coming by to go into this in more detail. I also expressed the Agency's appreciation at the other amendment to this bill which he presented in Committee. Again he said that they had no intent, of course, in limiting Agency authorities and he thanked me for bringing this matter to their attention so that he could submit an appropriate amendment.

S/ John S. Warner
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Legislative Counsel

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