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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Charles Johnson, Counsel for House Post Office and Civil Service Committee

1. During the course of a conversation with Mr. Johnson on this date, I asked him about the status of H. R. 5007, Congressman James H. Morrison's (D., La.) bill entitled, "Overseas Differentials and Allowances Act." He thanked me for jogging his memory on this and informed me that Congressman Morrison, ranking Democrat on the Committee, had ordered hearings on this bill along with the Overseas Benefits Bill, H. R. 5178, on Wednesday, 10 June. It is apparently Morrison's plan to take up these bills in connection with the overseas teachers' pay legislation.

2. Mr. Johnson is aware of our interest in H. R. 5007 and H. R. 5178. He was advised informally that we felt that Agency problems with respect to the medical bill related to security considerations pertaining to procedures arranged by the Civil Service Commission for the administration of such a program. I added we felt that we could resolve these problems with the Commission so long as sufficient latitude remained in the bill for the Commission's determinations. Mr. Johnson is aware of our desire to discuss certain points in connection with H. R. 5007. He was informed that these were largely perfecting changes and did not go to the substance of the bill. He has a note in his file to contact us prior to the hearings.

3. In connection with H. R. 5007, Mr. Johnson indicated that there would probably be a number of minor changes made by the Committee. They may decide to have a clean bill including the amendments introduced in preference to amending the existing bill. He added that since it would be necessary for him to take up with the Committee the other changes

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proposed, it might be desirable for the Agency to appear before the Committee to discuss our amendments. It should be noted here that both of these bills will specifically repeal certain sections of the CIA Act. In this connection we have taken a position with the Bureau of the Budget on previous similar bills that we would pose no objection to the repeal of the P. L. 110 sections in the enactment of more liberal general legislation on these subjects.

4. In anticipation of action on both of these bills, we have reviewed them in detail with interested Agency officials including the Director of Personnel, the Comptroller, Special Support Assistant to the DD/S, and the DD/S. We shall continue to keep these offices apprised of developments on these bills.

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