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OLC #78-2688/2

28 July 1978 Reports

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] Coordination & Review Staff, OLC 25X1

SUBJECT : Reducing the Number of Executive Branch Reports to Congress

REFERENCE : OLC 78-2688/1 of 27 July 1978

1. With regard to updating Tab A of reference, I would suggest the following:

4b: Add House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to the list of regular recipients of the NID.

4c: Change "seven" to "eight."

4g (1): Revise to include reference to HPSCI.

4g (2), (3), & (4): Other components of the Agency may continue to provide noteworthy support to these investigations, but from the NFAC viewpoint I don't see why they should be singled out.

4g (5): Suggest this read: "In addition to the committees mentioned in 4b above, the Agency provides briefings and reports...."

4g (6): The footnote associated with this paragraph can be updated. During the first six months of 1978, the Agency serviced over 800 requests and made available nearly 2800 documents, both classified and unclassified.

2. It is difficult to see how to put this information into the format called for in the OMB letter of June 30, 1978. What we furnish Congress--orally or in writing--are not reports required by statute. On the other hand, there are many

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"requests" for information on substantive issues. The vast majority of these require one-time responses which could only be considered "recurring reports" if listed by category. You may wish to use some of the above in a footnote to the formatted response to OMB which would describe the scale and nature of the support rendered Congress by the Agency on substantive intelligence matters. In any case, I see no reason to recommend a change in the material now being presented or in the frequency or method of presentation.

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