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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Operations

Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff

FROM : Donald P. Gregg
Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff
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SUBJECT : HPSCI Interest in DDO Liaison Relationships

1. The Agency has had pending since November 1977 a request from HPSCI to be briefed on our liaison relationships. At this point some progress has been made in establishing a basic framework within which HPSCI interests can be met while holding to the DDO principle that details of specific liaison relationships will not be passed, as this would constitute compromise of both a source and a method. Largely due to the good work done by [redacted] of OLC, it appears that HPSCI, however reluctantly, is now willing to acquiesce, stopping short of requesting (a) the identities of the services with which we are in liaison, and (b) the content of specific relationships.

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2. A number of other questions still remain in HPSCI's mind, however, and these questions are reflected in [redacted] memorandum of 3 October (attached). [redacted] believes that a paper giving full answers to these questions, particularly those dealing with the quid pro quo issue, would be the first step toward satisfying HPSCI's interests. The second and final step would involve some reporting from each Division on its liaison relationships following the guidelines contained in my memorandum to the DDO of 12 September (also attached).

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3. [redacted] feels that measurable progress must be made toward these goals if we are to forestall a confrontation with Chairman Boland. With your approval I will endeavor to prepare the overview paper answering the questions contained in [redacted] memorandum and

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will task the operating Divisions to provide supplementary information on the overall liaison activities. I am writing this memorandum because I feel that our relationship with HPSCI is separate and distinct from the current problems we are having with Senator McGovern and his committee. If we deal with HPSCI effectively, we can, I hope, keep them from harboring the same erronious suspicion which apparently drives Mr. Glennon; that is, that the Executive Branch condones illegal activities by foreign intelligence services for reasons of political expediency and for the sake of maintaining liaison relationships.

4. With your approval I will endeavor to get the overview paper prepared for HPSCI prior to my departure on 20 October. I would like to give the individual Divisions two weeks to prepare their answers. 25X1

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Donald P. Gregg

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