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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 11 April 1978 Meeting of NFIB Representatives to Discuss Procedures for Handling Congressional Inquiries About Foreign Liaison Relationships

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1. [redacted] On 11 April 1978 representatives of the NFIB met in the offices of the Resource Management Staff to discuss a new draft of the procedures for NFIB program managers to handle future congressional requests for information about foreign liaison relationships. The paper that was produced as a result of the 5 April session was reviewed and modified fairly significantly. Essentially, the paper limits the authority of program managers to pass only the following information on foreign liaison relationships: (1) the identity of the country; (2) U.S. funds, resources and manpower devoted to the relationships; and (3) summaries of the product of the relationship. Any additional provision of information would be coordinated with the DCI.

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2. [redacted] All parties recognized that this apparent hard line will not be very palatable to congressional oversight committees and that there will be a steady stream of exceptions. The major objective is to attempt to preclude ever providing compendium reports to Congress on any agency's foreign liaison relationships. In the event that there are needs to know more, obviously it will be forthcoming. The revised paper should be circulated shortly and, hopefully, it will be in good enough shape to send up to the DCI for his concurrence to proceed.

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3. [redacted] Once the paper is agreed upon by one and all, we will then have the job of negotiating it with Congress. Inasmuch as the paper is fairly close to the previous Senate Select Committee on Intelligence informal agreement with Hank Knoche, former DDCI, I am hopeful that we will be able to get them to chop off first; then, with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence concurrence in hand, it may be easier to convince the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of its validity.

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