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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [redacted] STAT
Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: HPSCI Wilson-Terpil Hearings

1. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) has scheduled hearings on the Wilson-Terpil affair on 2, 3 and 4 February. Staff Director Tom Latimer advises that he would like the Agency to be the lead-off witness on 2 February. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline what I think should be our approach.

2. Witnesses: In my opinion, both you and Admiral Inman, accompanied by the Inspector General should appear as witnesses. Such participation will underscore the personal interest and genuine concern the Agency leadership has in the matter and help convince the HPSCI members, who in turn will act as spokespersons for the rest of the House, that the Agency wants to clear its name and prevent any such thing from happening again. Additionally, Admiral Inman can testify personally to his experience with Wilson [redacted] Mr. Briggs, of course, is the one officer most knowledgeable about the facts involved. 25X1

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Moreover, I strongly recommend that we organize a "dry run" of the testimony with the three witnesses prior to the actual testimony on the 2nd. It is then that we could prepare the witnesses for all the anticipated questions that may be posed by the Members.

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I'm not persuaded this is necessary but will participate if scheduled

prepare list of possible questions - then we'll decide if "dry run" is needed + in what format

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3. Approach: The following represents my thinking on how best to approach the Committee with regard to Wilson-Terpil:

a. We should be prepared to present a detailed outline of the facts in chronological order as we know them up to the minute. Reference can be made in a brief opening statement to such an outline with the chronological outline attached as an addendum to the opening statement. Witnesses generally should be comfortably familiar with the facts.

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b. The Committee should be impressed with the importance we accord to this matter and in that regard should, in the course of an opening statement, be told what the Agency has done, is doing, and will do to preclude the recurrence of anything like this again. We should let the Committee know what we have done to tighten up our own internal procedures, mentioning the "Code of Ethics" and any changes to the contractual relationship, including secrecy agreement, to which each officer must agree upon EOD. Additionally, if necessary witnesses should be prepared to discuss any remedial legislation we think may be helpful, such as the Bentsen Bill (S.1651) or our own proposals as well as the role, or lack thereof, actual Agency proprietaries played, and whether reforms, internal or otherwise, may serve to preclude this from happening again.

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We should also be clear on how much was done after church/Pike

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c. Finally, if deserved, we should openly solicit the Committee's help in clearing the Agency from the taint of any complicity with regard to the nefarious actions of two of its former officers and citing the actions initiated by the Agency to minimize a reoccurence. This could include a public statement by the Committee to this effect, perhaps noting that the Wilson-Terpil affair occurred before the institution of the oversight mechanism and is unlikely to happen again given the role the HPSCI and SSCI play in overseeing Agency activities.

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