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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: John A. Bross
SUBJECT: Historical Study of CIA's Relations
with Congress

Bill:

You will remember that I spoke to you about Ken McDonald's proposal to do a historical study of CIA's relations with Congress. Although I understand and appreciate John McMahon's reservation about this project, I believe that it should be authorized as long as appropriate Congressional staffs are informed about it.

Since my earlier memorandum on this subject, I have learned about a study being done by [redacted] for a PhD thesis on "Congressional Oversight of the Intelligence Community." [redacted] is working on a Congressional Fellowship.

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I spent some time with him and gather that he is genuinely enthusiastic about the Agency and wants to correct what he sees as a distorted record of its accomplishments due to action by the Church and Pike Committees. It is unlikely to be a best seller, at least in certain Congressional circles.

[redacted] strikes me as bright as well as determined and hard working. Attached is a list of people he has interviewed which gives some idea of the scope of his research.

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It would seem to me, on balance, that the existence of [redacted] study is an additional reason for going ahead with an official one.

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Interviews conducted by [redacted]

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