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1. (Secret - GLC) [ ] FE Division, called concerning a contact made with him by Jim Pont, Deputy Director East Asia and Pacific Affairs, ISA, DOD, concerning ISA's response to an inquiry from Senator Fulbright about incursions in South Laos. ISA had planned to include in their response a suggestion that Fulbright contact the Director if he wished an intelligence briefing on this area, but [ ] had objected to this and I agreed with his position. [ ] was interested, however, in providing Pont with the date of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I advised [ ] that the Director briefed the Committee on 28 October 1969 and was present at Ambassador Unger's appearance on 17 November 1969, but did not participate.

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2. Messrs. Houston, Warner and [ ] attended a meeting with State Department officials: Colgate Prentice, Deputy Assistant for Congressional Relations; Stanley Futterman, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Thomas Pickering, Deputy Director for Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs. The meeting was at their request to discuss possible congressional action on the so-called Fulbright amendment to the Defense Appropriations Act. We discussed several possible provisions which might come out of the House-Senate conference on the bill. While no conclusions were reached, it appeared the State Department representatives appreciated the Agency's position with regard to some of these alternatives. It was agreed that we would keep in touch regarding subsequent developments on the bill.

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