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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Bernard Poirier, Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who told me that the Senator was requesting our assistance in a matter relating to their office.

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" I told Mr. Poirier that we would be pleased to provide such information that would be available here at Headquarters but that the problem is one for referral to the State Department for their action. He thanked me and said that he would contact Assistant Secretary Abshire's office. After checking with Mr. [REDACTED] FE Division, I called Mr. Poirier and told him that we have no record of any contact with Mr. [REDACTED] the name he had given me on the previous call. Mr. Poirier said the State Department is now working on the matter and thanked me for our assistance.

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2. [REDACTED] JGO) I received a call from Mr. Raymond O'Neill, Office of Security Management, DOD, who told me that they are processing the travel of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas) for a trip to the Middle East starting on 4 January. Senator Bentsen will be accompanied by Colonel William B. Arnold, Air Force escort officer. Mr. O'Neill will forward a copy of the itinerary and clearances to me through [REDACTED] OS.

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3. [REDACTED] - JGO) Messrs. Maury and [REDACTED] met with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed them on the current situation in Laos; intelligence community structure; the FY 1972 Agency budget and staff personnel strength; and "deficiencies" in the present espionage laws. Chairman Nedzi also asked about the status of the Deputy Director's position and discussed some of the recent press coverage he has received. See Memorandum for the Record.

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