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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate  
Appropriations Committee, re Motor Pool Garage  
at Headquarters

1. Today I talked with Bill Woodruff informally and off the record about our intention to construct a motor pool garage at the Headquarters site using surplus year-end funds. He expressed some concern about this and said if his advice had been requested in advance he would have recommended including this as a line item in our budget presentation so that it would be fully considered by the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee as part of our budget hearing. Since it appears this is not feasible now, Woodruff feels it should be the subject of a letter to the Chairman indicating our intention to construct such a building in the absence of any objection from the Chairman.

2. Mr. Woodruff noted that while we have the legal authority to construct buildings we should be especially careful in instances of this sort where it might appear that the Agency's unique authorities are being used in nonsensitive areas merely to avoid administrative inconvenience. Otherwise our committees might feel those unique authorities were being abused. Furthermore, Woodruff felt that we should keep to an absolute minimum those things which we discuss only with the Chairman on the assumption that a discussion with him would serve as notification to our Committee and to the Congress.

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