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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Marshall Wright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, re S. 3526

1. Today I talked with Mr. Marshall Wright and expressed our concern over the unilateral move by Senator Bellmon yesterday in obtaining an exemption for the Department of Agriculture from the provisions of section 504(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526).

2. Wright defended the action by Agriculture and Bellmon on the ground that there was a lull in the debate on this bill in view of the decision not to proceed further with the Indochina fund cutoff provision and the Senators got together on it to see what amendments could be taken up under unanimous consent. I told Wright we had tried to proceed on a team basis on this section as the White House had suggested but it now appeared to be an every man for himself proposition. I said Braswell was proceeding to have Senator Stennis move for a specific exemption from section 504(a) for CIA. Wright acknowledged there had been a slip-up somewhere on the part of the Administration and also indicated it now would be more difficult for anyone to strike section 504(a) in view of Fulbright's adamant stand on this in his conversations with Bellmon.

3. I advised Wright that in response to Braswell's request we were providing Senator Stennis with a letter from the Director requesting an Agency exemption.

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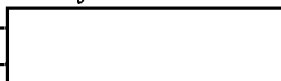
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25X1 3. [] Talked with Marshall Wright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and expressed our concern over the unilateral move by Senator Bellmon yesterday in obtaining an exemption for the Department of Agriculture from the provisions of section 504(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526). I told Wright that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, was proceeding with his efforts to have Senator Stennis obtain a specific exemption for CIA. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 4. [] Advised George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, that as of this date the Director's calendar for 13, 14, and 15 June would accommodate his appearance before the Committee on one of those afternoons, but I told him this should not be construed as a commitment for any of those dates. I added that when they decide on a specific date to let us know and we would check it further with the Director.

25X1 5. [] Ed Hartung, Minority Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, told me the []
25X1 [] and with representatives in the Washington area, is interested in talking with someone from the Agency about their capabilities and Senator Milton Young would like us to put the proper Agency people in touch with them. I told Hartung I would check with our people and be back in touch with him about arrangements for this.

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25X1 6. [] Talked to Mrs. Gerry Myers, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Hanley Bill (H. R. 11150), relating to the protection of rights of Federal employees, was removed from the agenda late last night. No explanation was given for the removal. The next meeting of the Committee in which this bill may be considered will be 15 June 1972.

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