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25X1 8. [] - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, who told me that he had received a call from a newspaper
requesting the amount of back pay and other entitlements that would be
coming to John Downey on his release from prison in China. After checking
with John Warner, OGC, and Angus Thuermer, Assistant to the Director,
I told Preston that back pay and general questions from the press media
are being referred to the Downey family (preferably Bill Downey) as matters
25X1A relating to Downey's personal affairs. Preston told me that he will be
involved in reprogramming hearings through this week and most of next
and will not be able to schedule a meeting with me and [] IC,
25X1A on intelligence community matters before the end of next week at the earliest.
He will have to await until that time also to schedule the briefing he has
requested at Headquarters on the CIA budget. [] has been advised.

I brought Preston up-to-date on the Director's meeting with the
joint Senate CIA subcommittees on Chile. Preston asked that I keep him
up-to-date so that Chairman Mahon will not be caught out on any inadvertent
or other publicity that might arise from these meetings.

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25X1 9. [] - JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel,
House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the proposed briefing
for himself and Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, that had been
requested on CIA methodology in []. 25X1
Slatinshek asked that I contact Chairman Nedzi and arrange for the briefing
directly with him. I briefed Slatinshek on the Director's appearance before the
joint CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations.
Slatinshek had no comment.

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25X1 10. [] - JGO) Talked to Fred Ladd, State Department
(632-2478), who is handling the staff arrangements for briefings for Jim
Lowenstein and Dick Moose, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on U. S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. A
25X1A tentative date was set for an Agency briefing here at Headquarters at 9:30 a. m.,
Wednesday, 21 March. [] C/FE, has been advised.