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5. [redacted] (GLC) John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called. He said Senator Stennis will be on "Face the Nation" this Sunday and he was preparing some backup material for the Senator. He was particularly interested in our advice of how to handle the Chile situation. He wanted to know if the Chairman could say the Agency has informed him that it had no involvement in the military coup and I told him he could certainly do this. With regard to whether the coup was anticipated, I told him that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel of the Committee, was informed regarding our reporting on this subject and we felt it had been good. As far as the Senator's comments are concerned, I suggested that he say that the situation had been building up for a long time and there had been reports of a possible coup over the months. I suggested, however, that the Senator avoid the use of the word "surprise" in either a positive or negative sense since this almost seemed to have specific intelligence connotation. We also discussed ways in which the Senator might handle proposals for disclosing intelligence budget figures and the question of the lack of CIA Subcommittee hearings for a considerable period of time prior to Senator Symington's scheduling of a meeting during Stennis' hospitalization. I also recommended that Stennis avoid any references to Agency involvement in the break in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. (I cited the unfortunate reports of Stennis' remarks on this subject at his first press conference following his release from the hospital.)

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6. [redacted] (PLC) Called the office of Captain Hopkins, DOD, Chairman of the working group preparing Administration proposal to establish uniform policies and procedures for Government procurement, and secured an extension to Wednesday, 19 September, for the submission of Agency's comments to the latest draft bill. OGC was advised.

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