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1. (Confidential - JGO) Delivered to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, a set of draft legislative items relating to possible amendments of the National Security Act with regard to CIA domestic operations. In brief, Slatinshek thought the proposals were quite good but noted they made no provision for one point that has bothered Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, considerably and that is Agency conduct of official business with former employees. After considerable discussion Slatinshek agreed that it is probably not one for legislative treatment but that we should keep it on the back burner because he is quite certain Chairman Nedzi will be raising it with us in the future.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and discussed with him the informal request for Agency briefing on Chile. I told him that we would be pleased to brief the Committee on the current intelligence situation in Chile and would have no hesitancy in responding to a question concerning Agency involvement in the coup that there was no involvement. However, we are unable to brief or discuss Agency operations in Chile. Czarnecki told me he will be meeting later in the day with Chairman Morgan, of the full Committee, and Chairman Fascell, of the Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee. Although he was not able to commit the two Chairmen, it is his opinion that this will provide a satisfactory formula.

3. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that in the briefing yesterday afternoon Assistant Secretary of State Kubisch had responded to several questions concerning United States and CIA involvement in the Chilean coup generally denying any such involvement. He will try to make a copy of the transcript available on a confidential basis tomorrow morning.

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4. (Confidential - JGO) Met with George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that Chairman Zablocki had met during the week with Ambassador at Large U. Alexis Johnson and with Director Fred Ikle, U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. The meetings were most satisfactory. He doesn't see anything further until responses from our allies are received on MBFR. In consequence, he does not expect that Chairman Zablocki will be expecting briefings at this time from Carl Duckett, DDS&T. See Journal of 19 September 1973.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) After discussion with [REDACTED] OGC, and [REDACTED] DD/Sec, made an appointment for 2:00 p. m. Thursday, 27 September, for an informal meeting with Herb Roback, Staff Director, House Government Operations Committee, on Southern Air Transport.

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6. (Unclassified - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and reviewed informally some material on possible amendments to legislation bearing on the Agency's domestic activities, protection of sources and methods, relationships with domestic law enforcement agencies and covert action authority. I explained to Braswell that the material on domestic activity, protection of sources and methods, and relations with domestic law enforcement agencies was also being provided to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in response to his pressing requests on behalf of Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, for at least informal Agency views on these matters. I said we assume that Nedzi would include recommendations regarding these points in the report of his Subcommittee hearings on possible Agency involvement in the Watergate and related matters. I added that it was our understanding that Stennis was particularly interested in clarifying the Agency covert action authority and I assumed Nedzi would not go into this subject, so I foresaw no conflict between the House Committee and the Senate Committee approach to our legislative problems. Braswell said Stennis had not been well this week and he doubted very much if he would be available for a meeting with Mr. Colby or have an opportunity to look into the problem of our legislation before next week.

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