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Thursday - 23 May 1974

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1. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Frank Reeder, OMB, to discuss OMB's most recent circulated draft revising H. R. 12206, which amends the Freedom of Information Act to permit persons access to Government records concerning them. Reeder acknowledged that the Agency exemption provided was inadequate and he expressed general favor of a suggested change which would grant the Agency a blanket exemption.

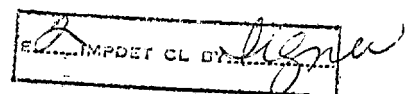
2. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Bill Skidmore, OMB, called to grant clearance on S. 1726, S. 2451, S. 3393, S. 3399, and H. R. 12004 reports. He requested that each report be revised to drop our request for an exemption from the provisions of the bills should they be enacted. The Administration is strongly in opposition to the bills and wants to have omitted from all reports any suggestions of revisions which indicate possible enactment. He added that actually the Senate Government Operations Committee, which is considering all of the Senate bills, is merely addressing itself to the general subject of secrecy and does not intend to actively consider any of the bills. I noted that our language for exemption was routine; however, Skidmore confirmed that this was a firm direction and urged us to comply.

3. (Internal Use Only - RJK) Called Richard Quick on the staff of Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) and advised him in response to his earlier call that the constituent [REDACTED] about whom he had inquired, would be receiving a letter from the Agency within the next few days asking him to come to Headquarters for final preemployment processing.

4. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Picked up a sealed envelope for the Director from Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.).

5. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received from Mrs. Brown, House Committee on Science and Astronautics staff, a series of documents loaned to the Committee which were returned to us for destruction.

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6. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Representative Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) who asked if we would arrange for a geographic type briefing for two young scientist constituents who are enroute to Mt. Ararat, Turkey on a scientific expedition. Arrangements were made through [REDACTED] at the Magazine Building at 2:00 p. m.

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7. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Sally Weaver, Assistant to Representative Benjamin Blackburn (R., Ga.), who requested detailed information concerning escapees and prisoners killed in escape attempts from the Soviet bloc countries, China, Chile, etc. Miss Weaver indicated that a letter request had been made to Secretary of State, which she understood was being transferred to this Agency for action. After checking with [REDACTED] OCI, I called Stanton D. Anderson, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State. Anderson said he would run the letter down and agreed that it was not a matter for transfer to this Agency for action. Miss Weaver will look to the Department of State for a response to Representative Blackburn's original request. [REDACTED] 5X1A was advised.

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8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) In the company of [REDACTED] Deputy Inspector General, attended a meeting at State Department with representatives of INR, including Mr. George Denney, Deputy Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, Marvin Gentile, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security, Department of State, and Tom Smith, FBI, to consider FBI's objections to State's proposed report. As a result of the meeting, State's report will be substantially revised, the extent depending upon the outcome of Thursday's session between the Attorney General and the Muskie Surveillance Subcommittee. See Memorandum for Record for details.

9. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Al Friendly, Counsel, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Government Operations, and told him that it is doubtful that OMB will have cleared our views on Senate bills S. 1726, S. 2451, S. 3399 and S. 3393, by the deadline of 22 May, which caused him no great concern. I said we were optimistic that our answers to the Committee's seven questions will be cleared by OMB by the deadline date of 24 May.

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8. (Unclassified - PLC) Called Bill Skidmore, OMB, and reviewed with him the Committee deadlines for our reports on S. 1726, S. 2451, S. 3393, S. 3399, and H. R. 12004, which establish a program of classification in Government. Skidmore assured me that he was under the same deadlines and our reports should be cleared in sufficient time.

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9. (Internal Use Only - KKH) Received a call from Pat Donat, in the office of Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), requesting the telephone extension of [redacted]. I called [redacted] to see if there was any reason her number should not be given out and when there wasn't, called Ms. Donat back and provided her with the information.

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10. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Dorothy Fosdick, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, and delivered to her two copies of the [redacted]

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11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered the 16 May 1974 Reserve withdrawal letter. Preston remembered the program and had no comments or questions.

I gave him also an [redacted] for Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio). This is in response to the Representative's question during the Director's briefing for Agency assessment of the consequences of a withdrawal of U. S. troops from [redacted]

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12. (Confidential - JGO) In the absence of Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, for the day, I left a copy of the paper, [redacted] and the unclassified paper, "Freedom of Religion in North and South Vietnam," which he had requested. I also left a copy of the letter of 3 May 1974 from Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) to the Director for his review.

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