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1. [redacted] Chuck Meissner, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called concerning the oil briefing of Senator Charles H. Percy's (R., Ill.) staff personnel scheduled for Friday. He said he would do what he could to narrow down the list of those who would attend the briefing. Meissner clearly understands that our interest is to protect against escalating demands for such briefings which would be beyond our resource capability and he said he would let me know the outcome tomorrow.

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2. [redacted] Received a call from William Schneider, Legislative Assistant to Senator James L. Buckley (R., N. Y.), requesting, for the Senator, whether we had any information on training of Puerto Ricans by Cubans for revolutionary purposes and U. S. S. R. compliances with SALT. Schneider acknowledged that the Senator was heavily involved in the New York state gubernatorial battle and of our interest in assuring that information we provide would not be used in that connection on an attributable basis, which Schneider appreciated. [redacted] OCI, advised that we have no information on the Cuban/Puerto Rican training. I placed a call to Schneider to advise him of that fact and suggest that he contact the FBI, but he was not in.

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3. [redacted] Al Schnee, Congressional Relations, State Department, called as a follow-up to my earlier conversation with Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, State Department, on the ceiling for Lao expenditures in the Foreign Aid bill (S. 3394), and explained that State lawyers have no problem with the provision. When I said I didn't think we necessarily agreed with that position, he suggested that we deal directly with the State legal office and suggested Jim Michaels. I called Michaels but he is on leave and was told that Ted Borek would return my call.

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4. [redacted] Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, State Department, called to advise that the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in markup this afternoon, had approved a Hughes-type amendment on covert action with the principal difference that the Presidential report "would be to the Congress" rather than the Committees having jurisdiction, as provided in the Hughes amendment. I told Jenkins that this amendment now appeared to be unnecessary in view of the action by the House yesterday granting the House Foreign Affairs Committee certain jurisdiction over intelligence matters affecting "foreign policy" and that it would be helpful if the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in reporting out the recommitted Foreign Aid bill, dropped the Hughes rider.

We also discussed the role of the ambassador provision in the State Authorization bill which was approved by the House yesterday with our fallback position "under the direction of the President."

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5. [redacted] Rick Howe, an intern in the office of Representative Victor V. Veysey (R., Calif.), called for information on the status of covert action legislation in the Congress. I referred him to the Senate action on the Hughes amendment and we discussed the action by the House yesterday in expanding the jurisdiction of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to include intelligence activities relating to foreign policy. I then referred him to the House Foreign Affairs Committee for the definitive meaning of the House action, indicating that this was solely a matter for Congressional determination.

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6. [redacted] Susie Owens, in the office of Senator Russell Long (D., La.), called about a case of a former Agency contract type, concerning medical disability while serving in Africa. Miss Owens felt she had successfully closed out this matter, with our assistance, in April of this year. She is sending us the recent letter Senator Long had received from [redacted]

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7. [redacted] Met with Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, concerning S. 3418, the right of privacy bill. He said there still was no position by the Committee as to the Agency's request for a partial exemption. He asked that I check with him tomorrow.

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8. [redacted] Louise Garziglia, OMB, called and requested the Agency's position on enrolled bill H.R. 12471 which amends the Freedom of Information Act. I explained that the Director had sent a letter to the President dated 26 September strongly recommending a veto. She asked that I call Bill Skidmore, OMB. I called Skidmore and confirmed our position for veto. He advised that the Director's letter would suffice and no further written Agency comments were necessary. Earlier, Robert Bedell, OGC/OMB, had called John Warner and our position for veto was reconfirmed.

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9. [redacted] Met with Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, and [redacted] in Room 319, Old Senate Office Building, to discuss the Agency's input into Tarabochia's proposed study on the [redacted] Tarabochia and [redacted] went over the outline of the study and those areas for Agency support were agreed upon. Tarabochia will proceed with the material he now has and hopes to have a first draft for Agency review in about a week. [redacted] gave Tarabochia a copy of a classified Agency study on the Cuban intelligence service for his use and return after the study is completed. It was again confirmed that the study will not in any way pinpoint [redacted]

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10. [redacted] Called Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to alert them to the fact that H. R. 16373, the right of privacy bill, would be coming up on the House floor this afternoon and it was our understanding the House Government Operations Committee staff expects Representative Bella Abzug to attempt to set aside on the House floor our Agency exemption to that legislation. I told Slatinshek we had some backup material on this subject which we would be glad to get to him. He commented he felt Abzug didn't have a chance of getting that amendment through but he appreciated our providing that information so our members could be prepared for it and he also recommended we contact Chairman Nedzi directly regarding it.

I chatted briefly with Slatinshek about the Jack Anderson column this morning pertaining to the case of two Agency employees and the bugging of the home of one of these. I told him the report in the Anderson column was essentially accurate but corrected some of the details. Slatinshek said he thought this wasn't much of a story and he couldn't get too excited about legal consequences in such a situation.

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11. [ ] At the close of the day, I talked to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, about the House action on the Bolling/Hansen report yesterday and the action of the Foreign Affairs Committee on amendments pertaining to covert activities. Czarnecki said he considered both the Bolling/Hansen agreement and the Hughes type amendment passed by the Foreign Affairs Committee to be consistent with the understanding which was reached between Dr. Kissinger, the Director and the leadership of the Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees about ten days ago. He also confirmed that Chairman Morgan has not worked out the details as to whom in the Foreign Affairs Committee this information should be passed to. I told him we were in a position to talk to the appropriate parties when that decision was reached and he said he would let us know as soon as "things jell."

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12. [ ] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me he had reviewed the Covert Action items with Chairman Mahon who requested that after the recess a meeting be scheduled with the Special Group for review of these matters with them. I will meet again with Preston immediately after the recess to schedule the briefing.

Discussed briefly with Preston, Representative Frelinghuysen's request to Chairman Mahon for review by staff personnel of the Murphy Commission of the Appropriations Committee's investigative team report of 1968 which dealt primarily with the problem of raw intelligence reports "which go on unused." I told Preston I was reasonably certain we had no information about the fact of this request other than a possible copy of the letter, but I would verify this and be back in touch with him. See Mr. Cary's Journal item.

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13. [ ] Met with Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who told me Senator Stennis is still holding the 12 September 1974 transcript of the Director's testimony on Chile. Ticer will advise me when it has been returned.

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14. [ ] Delivered to Frank Sullivan, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a rather detailed suggested itinerary and possible official meetings for the forthcoming trip to the Far East with Senator Sam Nunn. Sullivan was most appreciative.

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15. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] OER, to a breakfast meeting with the Livestock and Grains Subcommittee of House Agriculture Committee. [redacted] review of the current and projected grain situation, etc., in the Soviet Union was very well received. Chairman Foley was endorsed by Chairman Poage of the full Committee, in a request for possible follow on briefings at such time as may be appropriate. Certain unclassified documents were requested and will be furnished. See [redacted] Memo for Record. [redacted] has been advised.

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16. [redacted] Along with [redacted] met briefly with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and alerted him to the upcoming floor consideration of the privacy bill, H. R. 16373. There was no time for mention of the Jack Anderson column.

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17. [redacted] Received a call from Louise Garziglia, OMB, who asked for the Agency's comments on H. R. 12471, the enrolled bill on Freedom of Information Act amendments, by close of business today. Mr. [redacted] was notified.

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18. [redacted] Received a call from Jerry Zeifman, General Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee, who said they are sending routine letters out to all Federal departments and agencies as part of their consideration of the appointment of Nelson Rockefeller to the Vice Presidency. He said the question of a letter to CIA had come up and in his discussion with Chairman Rodino on the subject they could foresee some problems with respect to sensitive CIA documents which would become part of the Committee's files. He gave me the language which had been proposed for our letter and asked me to think the matter over and be back in touch with him.

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19. [redacted] After conferring with [redacted] IC Staff, and checking with the Director, I called Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, on the question he raised earlier with [redacted] on the request from the 25X1 Murphy Commission. Preston was interested in the statement in a letter from Representative Peter Frelinghuysen to the effect that the Director and the Agency were aware of the Commission's request. I told Preston our knowledge of the request was limited to having received a copy of Frelinghuysen's letter to Chairman Mahon. I said while we did not know the specific content of the investigative report involved, we neither supported the request nor did we recommend against it. I said the Director felt this was a matter for Mahon's decision. I did point out however that it would probably be a good idea to check with DIA on this and we would do that if he wished. Preston thanked me for the suggestion and said he would contact DIA directly.

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20. [redacted] Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, called to alert me that H. R. 16373, the right of privacy bill, had been placed on the House calendar for consideration today. He felt confident that the Committee could defeat the amendment which Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N. Y.) threatens to introduce which would knock out the Agency's exemption. He suggested that we contact our friends on the Hill to alert them. [redacted] and I met with Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, and Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Defense, House Appropriations Committee. Both felt certain that the Abzug amendment could be defeated.

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21. [redacted] In response to the call to Mr. Thuermer's office, employment brochures and a preliminary application form were sent to [redacted] (D., Tex.).

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22. [redacted] Called Winslow Wheeler, on the staff of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.), to respond to his request for [redacted] Wheeler said the brief background summary which I provided would satisfy his needs.

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23. [redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.), Howard W. Cannon (D., Nev.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.), and Representative Gilbert Gude (R., Md.) [redacted] which their names were mentioned.

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24. [redacted] Delivered to the office of Representative Tom Railsback (R., Ill.) a suggested reply for a constituent, [redacted] who had raised questions about alleged CIA activities in Mexico.

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