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22 January 1975

The Honorable John O. Pastore
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pastore:

Following up on our conversation and noting in the Record the text of your Senate Resolution 21 proposing a Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to urge that the Resolution itself be amended to contain clear language stressing the importance of retaining the secrecy of the many delicate matters the Select Committee would be empowered to investigate.

It is clear that a certain amount of the material can be generalized or can be made public, but the intelligence activities of our Government are currently under considerable handicaps due to the extensive leakage of intelligence sources and methods in a variety of ways. I would certainly expect any Select Committee to be particularly responsible on this subject, but I earnestly recommend that the language of the Resolution make a particular point of this responsibility in order to reinforce its impact among temporary employees, staff assistants, etc.

Sincerely,

/s/

W. E. Colby
Director

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Stennis' amendment to the Pastore Resolution - passed 27 January 1975

Section 4. The select committee shall institute and carry out such rules and procedures as it may deem necessary to prevent (1) the disclosure, outside the select committee, of any information relating to the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency or any other department or agency of the Federal Government engaged in intelligence activities, obtained by the select committee during the course of its study and investigation, not specifically authorized by the select committee to be disclosed, and (2) the disclosure, outside the select committee, of any information which would adversely affect the intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency in foreign countries or the intelligence activities in foreign countries of any other department or agency of the Federal Government.

There were two other amendments: one had to do with no honorariums the other with security clearances for staff members.

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Wednesday - 22 January 1975

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1. [Redacted] I advised the Director of my conversation last night with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, regarding the Director's meeting with Chairman Moorhead, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, on Thursday, 23 January 1975. 25X1

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3. [Redacted] Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and advised him we were sending him a copy (for the Chairman) of an unclassified version of "A Dollar Cost Comparison of Soviet and US Defense Activities." I also told McConnell that Jack Iams had advised me that OMB would be sending the Committee a letter regarding the transfer for pay costs. [Redacted] 25X1

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4. [Redacted] Called Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and told him that after yesterday's briefing, Senator Stuart Symington asked me for the copy of the 12 September 1974 transcript of the Director's briefing on Chile. I asked Ticer if they had the transcript and he said he would ask Ed Braswell, of the Committee staff, to get it from the Chairman. I told Ticer, and later, Braswell, that I will inform Symington the Chairman has it and I had passed the request on to the Committee staff.

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5. [Redacted] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the letter the Director is sending to Senator John Pastore concerning the Senator's Resolution to establish a select committee on intelligence. Braswell expressed some concern that the letter would "tip off" what the Committee was doing regarding an amendment to the Resolution. After some discussion it was agreed we would go ahead and send the letter with copies to Stennis and McClellan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Russ Rourke, White House Staff, re the
Pastore Resolution to Create a Select Committee on Intelligence

Today I called Russ Rourke to alert him to the Pastore Resolution to create a Select Committee on Intelligence. I asked if anyone there was keeping an eye on this. Rourke said not that he was aware of. I told him it could pose problems for much of the Executive Branch since it will get into everything that has anything to do with intelligence--CIA, FBI, NSA, etc. I said I didn't know if there were any constitutional issues involved but it might be worth checking. I also pointed out that Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, had fought the Resolution in the Democratic Caucus but lost. Rourke asked what they can do about it and I replied the only possible thing would be to get a constitutional handle on it. I said another question is who will be on the Committee. I told Rourke that we are very concerned about the security aspects of the Committee's inquiry. I told Rourke we also are concerned about the reports under the Foreign Assistance Act to the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees and we are trying to get things buttoned up with these two Committees. I said all this was worth Jack Marsh's attention and even further up the line. Rourke said he would brief Marsh as soon as he returns this evening. I said I would send a copy of the Pastore Resolution over to him in the morning.



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