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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Ervin Bill - S. 782**

1. Mr. Maury and I saw Kenneth BeLieu, Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, today in connection with S. 782. We gave him the summary of our actions in connection with the bill and discussed the fact that Senator Ervin has refused an executive hearing but has offered an open hearing. Mr. BeLieu agreed that we should not state our case in open hearing. He thought the Director should meet with Senator Russell to inform him of the situation, and he offered to go along if wanted. I said we would draft a reply to Senator Ervin's letters which would be a subject for discussion with Senator Russell.

2. Mr. BeLieu tried to, but could not, reach Robert Hampton, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, to see if he was moving against the bill; he will follow up with Mr. Hampton.

3. Mr. BeLieu said he hoped there would be some way to coordinate the executive branch so the Agency would not be the focal point of attention in connection with any debate on the bill.

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