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Dear Mr. Helms:

In response to your letter of February 28, the Subcommittee will be happy to arrange an open hearing so that you may discuss S. 782, the federal employee privacy bill.

Since the Subcommittee's agenda, like my own, is quite full, I would hope this can take place within the next two weeks.

I had thought all the issues were thrashed out two years ago when this proposal was amended to meet the objections of your agency. If there are any others, I hope we can get them cleared up so the bill can be enacted.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Erwin d Sam J. Ervin, Jr. Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Ervin Bill (S. 782) with Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.)

During his visit to the Agency on Saturday, 1 March 1969, Senator John L. McClellan expressed interest in the Agency's personnel security problems, and in this context he was told briefly of our concern over some of the provisions of the Ervin bill. We did not brief the Senator in detail on this problem, but his questions and comments left no doubt that he appreciates the special problems of the Agency in this regard. As the ranking majority member, after Chairman Eastland, of the Judiciary Committee, Senator McClellan might be helpful to us if called upon.

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SUBJECT: Conversation with Chairman David N. Henderson, Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, re Ervin Bill (S. 782)

1. This morning I called Mr. Henderson and told him of:

a. our unsuccessful meeting with Senator Ervin on 24 February 1969;

b. our conversation with Senator Eastland, who had advised us to request a hearing before his full Committee if we were unsuccessful in appearing before Senator Ervin's Subcommittee;

c. the apparently sympathetic attitude of Senator John L. McClellan;

d. our coordination with other executive agencies.

2. Mr. Henderson fully concurred in Senator Eastlands suggestion that we try to get our case before the full Committee if we are unsuccessful before the Ervin Subcommittee. He also recommended continued efforts to mobilize other executive agencies to present a common front. He promised to pass on to us any information on the subject which came to his attention, and renewed his assurance of full support so far as he personally is concerned.

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