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25X1 4. [] LIAISON Received a call from Ira Goldman, on the personal staff of Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.), who said the Congressman was desirous of his having the necessary clearances to assist the Congressman in work which he is doing on electronic surveillance legislation. He said the matter had been taken up with Chairman Edward Boland (D., Mass.), House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, who said he was in no position to clear a member of the Congressman's personal staff and according to Goldman suggested the matter be taken up with the Director. I explained the problem that we have had and the Director's position on this matter, which is not to grant compartmented clearances to personal staff members; but being aware of the fact that Mr. McClory has a bill on this subject and being desirous of providing some type of assistance, I told Goldman that I would discuss the matter with the Director to see if we could somehow accommodate his needs without granting a clearance for or exposing him to compartmented information. Goldman is interested in reviewing the executive session testimony on this subject and suggested, as an alternative to granting him a compartmented clearance, we delete from the transcript those matters falling within the compartmented category. I told him I did not want to get at cross purposes with the Chairman on this and noted that the transcript is the property of the Committee. I also indicated that I did not feel this would be a satisfactory arrangement. I did promise to look into the matter however and be back in touch with him. Goldman apparently has no current clearances but at one time was cleared when he was a law clerk with the U.S. Attorneys office in Philadelphia. Action should be taken to initiate a basic Top Secret clearance for Goldman but I will discuss this matter with Tom Latimer or Mike O'Neil, both of the House Select Committee.

25X1 [] LIAISON Called Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, and confirmed the Director's appearance on 25 January (both morning and afternoon) with the understanding that he would be excused from noon until 2:30 p.m. because of a speaking engagement for which he is already committed. Preston indicated that was quite satisfactory and that they would welcome Paul Walsh, NFAC, or whomever else the Director would designate to conclude the briefing on 26 January.