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Pro Legislation

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Various Views Letters at OMB

On 28 December 1977 I phoned Jim Stimpson, Jim MacRae and Bob Carlstrom, all of OMB, to determine the status of various views letters. Their answers are outlined below.

S. 1893 (Biomedical and Behavioral Research): Mr. Stimpson said that all views letters were being held until the status of the bill becomes certain. Senator Kennedy may or may not pursue it next session.

S. 2 ("Sunset Legislation"): Mr. MacRae indicated that the White House is taking care of all negotiations with Congress and that no views letters will be cleared while that is going on.

H.R. 9705 (Special Prosecutor): Mr. Carlstrom has sent the letter to Justice, State, Defense, NSC and the White House for coordination. Responses are due by 13 January 1978.

S. 1721 (Amend exemption to 5 U.S.C. 553): Mr. Carlstrom said that DOD has asked its components to comment by 6 January. He has told the Committee that he is holding all views letters. He indicated a possibility that he may clear other letters before DOD responds.

S. 1974 (Add Small Business section to A.P.A.): Mr. Carlstrom said he will clear in a few days. He is waiting for congressional reaction to a proposed Executive Order. The key question is whether certain Senators will agree to accept incorporation of their aims into the E.O. rather than legislation.

Mr. Carlstrom also indicated that he had received our proposed letter to Representative Devine on amending the FOI Act. He said the Administrative Law experts are reviewing it.

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