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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with [redacted], DCI/SO, and [redacted] SSC/OS - 3 March 1978 [redacted]

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1. [redacted] and I met with [redacted] DCI/SO, and [redacted] SSC/OS, to discuss approaches to establish procedures to implement the establishment of OLC as a focal point for the Community to process all compartmented security clearances for congressional committee staff.

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2. [redacted] stated that it is unclear as to the extent to which the Director has delegated his authority to the heads of Community departments and agencies to grant clearances to committee staffers for access to compartmented information, i.e., SI,TK [redacted]. We agreed that it would be necessary for the Director to issue a Community directive once the procedures have been agreed upon.

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3. [redacted] We will have to meet again to pin this matter down since there are a number of factors to be considered [redacted]

[redacted] I think these matters can be worked out. What concerns me, however, is that [redacted] understanding that Mr. Robert Gambino, D/OS, as part of this program, wants to assume complete evaluating responsibility for the entire Community to adjudicate the security suitability of congressional staffers for access to compartmented information. It is his further understanding that if a security issue evolves, the Director of Security would negotiate this with the Chairman of the particular committee involved, even though the Agency is not directly involved with the Committee. I strongly doubt that this is the scope of the program intended by our office.

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25X1 4. [] I subsequently met with [] Acting Chairman Security Committee, to get his understanding of that proposal and how it would be implemented. He was not aware that the Agency would assume a personnel security clearance evaluation responsibility, but indicated that the procedures had not yet been fully prepared. Subsequent meetings on this subject will be coordinated []

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