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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive Officer, DDA

FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Security Clearances for Congressional Staff

1. The following are my comments for Mr. Blake in connection with the DCI's request as to whether the DDA sees any problem with the DCI's response to Admiral Murphy on this subject.

2. We agree that the DCI would be well advised to elevate the question of Congressional clearances to a small interagency group, preferably in the SCC structure. Our feeling that this would be an appropriate move is premised on the fact that to have members of the Intelligence Community at the Security Committee level engage in a dialogue on this matter, or to attack it in less than a Community-wide forum, would have questionable results.

3. I certainly agree that the DoD should make every effort to reduce the number of clearances now credited to them. I agree further with the DCI that we must set an example within the Executive Branch before we can insist that the Legislative Branch reduce their clearances.

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