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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Intelligence *AG*

: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : [redacted] Chairman 25X1

Ad Hoc Committee to Review Document  
Declassification for Rosenthal Committee

SUBJECT : Committee Report on Review of  
Classification/Declassification  
Decisions on Documents for Congressman Rosenthal

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Actions Requested:

We recommend that:

1. You personally call Congressman Rosenthal emphasizing the seriousness with which we have considered his request and, by drawing on the points below, explaining that US foreign policy interests and the protection of intelligence sources and methods dictates that classification of significant parts of these documents must be maintained.
2. You sign the attached letter to Congressman Rosenthal covering transmission of the revised declassification of the 17 documents.

Background:

On 15 January 1982, the Central Intelligence Agency delivered to Benjamin Rosenthal, Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs of the Committee on Government Operations, 17 CIA documents that had been sanitized and declassified for public use. Congressman Rosenthal believes that more information in these documents should be declassified. On 25 January, you directed the Deputy Directors for Intelligence and Operations to appoint an ad hoc group of Senior Intelligence Service officers to review the classification/declassification decisions.

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