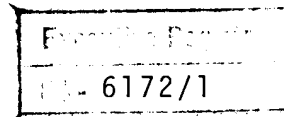


The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Henry,

Thanks for sending me your National Review article and also the Joint Resolution you introduced. The Congress will have to judge but recent events seem to support the judgment that a smaller committee and tighter staff would improve both oversight and performance.

I will be pleased to cooperate whenever it will help.

Yours,

  
William J. Casey

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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August 8, 1984

The Honorable William Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Bill:

I thought you might be interested in my article on the problems of Congressional intelligence oversight which appears on page 46 of the enclosed National Review.

As mentioned in this piece, I believe its time we seriously consider merging the existing Intelligence Committees of the House and Senate into a streamlined Joint Committee on Intelligence. I have already introduced H.J. Res. 633 to accomplish this, but I don't expect much to happen on this legislation before next year.

Cordially

*Henry*  
Henry J. Hyde

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Representative Hyde's Proposal for Establishment of One Joint Oversight Committee

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*John - clin aware of your views on a joint committee, but I really think the idea a good one. I see no negatives, just differences.*

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**FROM:** Charles A. Briggs  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Representative Hyde's Proposal for  
Establishment of One Joint Oversight Committee

1. Attached for your review and information is House Joint Resolution 633, which was recently introduced by Representative Hyde and provides for the establishment of one Joint Oversight Committee on Intelligence. Under this proposal, one oversight committee would be created which would be composed of 18 members, nine each from the Senate and the House, who would serve for a six year term. The Chairmanship of the Joint Committee would be rotated between the Senate and the House. In introducing this resolution, Representative Hyde stated that a single Joint Committee would hopefully reduce the number of unauthorized leaks, the political partisanship that has recently surrounded controversial intelligence activities and would provide a single point of contact and consultation for the Agency on intelligence matters.

2. I will be happy to discuss Representative Hyde's proposal with you at your convenience.

/s/Charles A. Briggs  
Charles A. Briggs

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