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NOTE FOR: The Director
FROM: Dave Gries
SUBJECT: Late item for your meeting with General Powell

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We need a decision from General Powell on whether CIA can begin discussing the Cohen-Boren bill at staff level with the Senate Intelligence Committee. The NSC staff has made it clear that they do not want us to negotiate with the Committee on the bill. We believe, however, that it would be reasonable to offer to assist the Committee in redrafting the more objectionable parts of the bill as long as we make clear that we cannot in any way guarantee Administration support for the changes. A complete refusal on our part to talk with the Committee would, in all probability, result in its swift passage of the bill in its current form with otherwise fixable provisions remaining unchanged.

cc: The Deputy Director