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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Britt Snider Re: IG Provision in FY 89
Intelligence Authorization Bill

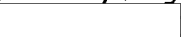
1. On 17 June 1988, I spoke with Britt Snider, minority counsel for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, with respect to the above-captioned matter. I explained that the Department of Justice has found that certain portions of the Inspector General provision in the authorization bill are unconstitutional because they require reporting of Executive branch deliberations to the Congress. I also explained how we had met with representatives of the Justice Department as well as representatives of the White House and National Security Council in an effort to dissuade them from seeking a veto of the bill, as they originally intended.

2. Snider said that if the measure were not in the bill, Senator Glenn would certainly seek to amend the bill to bring the Agency within the purview of the Inspector General Act of 1978, so that the Justice Department et alia should decide which action would be more desirable. He also indicated that he thought the committee would be amenable to making a few changes to make the provision palatable, in the event there is a good reason for doing so. He also said this matter could be resolved in conference. I told him we had already brought up the matter of the conference option and that it was still possible that the concerns would be placed in a letter to the conferees. Lastly, I told him that we were working with two drafts of language to remedy the concerns and would keep him abreast of the situation.


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