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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With Pierce Myers, Majority Counsel to the
Post Office and Civil Service Commission, On
Status of Various Legislation Before the Committee

1. On 25 August I met with Pierce Myers to determine the status of legislation before the Committee which impacts on the Agency. I found him to be particularly helpful and supportive of the Agency.

25X1 2. On HR 25, the Whistle Blowers Act, he advised that the the Bill had been reported out of Committee, but it contained language which safeguards national security information. He further indicated that Chairman Ford had shown particular sensitivity to protecting the Agency. I have given the IG a copy of the Bill and informed [redacted] OCA, and D/OP of the recent action by the Committee. OGC has looked at this Bill and they are satisfied with the exemption language.

3. On HR 382, Federal Health Care Freedom of Choice which recently cleared the Civil Service Subcommittee, Myers advised that no action would be taken on this bill. There is minimal support for it outside of the subcommittee.

25X1 4. We can expect the Post Office and Civil Service Committee to act on the Federal Equitable Pay Practices Act (HR 387) which is designed to eliminate discrimination in pay for minorities and women. I have advised OP (Mancuso and Burns) and [redacted] of OCA. There are two companion pieces, S-5 and S-552, which were referred to the Senate Gov't Affairs Committee, but no hearings have been scheduled.

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5. HR 32, a Bill sponsored by Broomfield, which would cause forfeiture of retirement benefits for any Federal worker revealing the identity of any covert agent, will never "see the light of day."


25X1 6. HR 2457, The Federal Employees Leave Act, which would permit transfer of leave among employees for emergency situations, has considerable support. The Bill will have minimal costs associated with it and is humanitarian. While action is possible in the fall of this year, the Bill may wait until Spring when it will have a higher political payoff. OP and OGC have weighed in on this Bill, and there is no basis for seeking an exemption. There are a couple of concerns regarding the release of personal information, and we want to have the DCI administer this program rather than OPM. OPM supports this position, an issue I discussed with Bruce Navaro, Director of Congressional Relations for OPM. [] has the action in getting our needed language in the Bill. My discussions with Pierce Myers led me to believe the Committee will be sensitive to CIA equities.

7. On lump sum Tax Relief, which seeks relief from a 10% tax for those federal workers who opt for taking retirement in a lump sum, Myers reported that Chairman Ford does support this change, but the critical player on this issue is the Ways and Means Committee.



8. On the Three Year Recovery Rule, Myers says that while this plays well to federal workers and unions, he believes that chances of reform are nonexistent.

9. Myers then asked if he could run some numbers on our FERS disk. He is interested in the various outcomes people can achieve by joining the Special FERS versus remaining in CIARDS. OP has provided me with a copy of the disk which I will give to Myers. He also asked if we could tell him how many of our people have opted for the FERS Special. I will provide him with this information when I deliver the disk.

10. Myers is one of those worth cultivating on this committee. I intend to invite him to lunch here at headquarters and have some of our personnel people talk with him about issues of concern to us. I have asked him to introduce me to Tom De Yulia, Staff Director. I have learned that Myers and DeYulia will be important players in any attempt to get support from the Post Office and Civil Service Committee for our initiative on Personnel, Pay, Management and Compensation.


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