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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressman Rose, 1400 Hrs, 16 July 1981 (U)

1. (U) At 1300 Hrs, 16 July 1981, I was notified by my office that Congressman Rose's office had requested that I meet with the Congressman at 1400 Hrs that afternoon. I arrived at the Capitol Building shortly after 1400 Hrs, and when I finally made it to Congressman Rose's office the meeting was already underway. The following personnel were in attendance:

Congressman Rose	
Dick Giza	Office of Congressman Rose
LTC Mike Chase	Office of Congressional Liaison
Tim Hatch	Office of Army General Consul
LTC Watt	INSCOM

2. (S) The meeting had been called by Congressman Rose to find out why the Army was apparently "dragging its feet" in supporting SRI-I with funds that had already been agreed upon for FY 81. The Congressman was very agitated and concerned that no progress was being made in solving the alleged "human use" differences that seemed to exist between the AGC and DoD GC offices.

3. (S) Tim Hatch presented the AGC position...which boiled down to the fact that the AGC office had briefed the Secretary of the Army on the proposed joint effort between Army and DIA and that the DoD GC concurred with the human use issue. It was after this briefing to Secretary of the Army that AGC learned that apparently DoD GC did not concur on the human use issue; therefore, the AGC decided the issue needed to be decided before the Army would be allowed to transfer any funds in support of the joint program.

4. (C) This response did not appear to satisfy Congressman Rose. His feelings can be summed up as follows:

- a. Project Grill Flame is his #1 intelligence priority.
- b. Researchers at SRI-I, who he feels are the leaders in the current research, must be properly supported.
- c. He was sick and tired of all the administrative red tape and wanted positive actions taken immediately.

5. (C) In that regard, the Congressman gave Hatch until next Thursday (23 Jul 81) to get things back on track and moving forward or else he would call for a special session of the Evaluation Subcommittee of the House Permanent Committee on Intelligence (he is the chairman) and call Secretary of the Army and high DoD officials in to testify as to why this vital program was not making progress.

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6. (C) The Congressman asked me if we felt that SRI was worth having and I explained to him our current funding situation for FY 81 and what we had recommended for FY 82 as far as supporting SRI. My response appeared to satisfy him.

7. (U) The meeting adjourned shortly before 1500 Hrs with the Congressman's ringing summation that this area of intelligence gathering was potentially too great to allow to fester on the vines because of bureaucratic red tape.

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