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John: 25X1

As I discussed with [redacted] yesterday:

25X1 (1) people who have never occupied furnished quarters fall under [redacted] persons who have ever done so fall under [redacted] 25X1

25X1 (2) people who went to the field after 1 January 53 to occupy furnished quarters could take only 3000 # at agency expense, so if they took more at their own expense and then got caught by the "from" amendment [redacted] on 27 November 53, one can't bleed too hard for them. (Those who went after 27 Nov., of course, had ample notice.)

(3) people in the field on 1 January 53, in personal quarters, later changed to furnished quarters, are protected by Section 7 of [redacted] 25X1 Presumably, by implication this also applies to people who go out in the future to personal quarters and later change to furnished quarters - but this could stand clarification.

25X1 (4) people like [redacted] in the field and in furnished quarters on 1 January 53 are not protected unless Section 7 can be extended by implication. I've made the argument, but I'm not satisfied with it - it strikes me as somewhat specious.

25X1 (5) as stated in the [redacted] notes, (but information in the file may change this) Section 7 wouldn't save him anyway, because of the "furniture shipped to field at Government expense" provision. I'm not at all happy about that. However, if people in paragraph 3 above are so bound, I would find it difficult to justify placing the [redacted] in a better position (unless on the ground that they've given CIA overseas service for a long time - but this might be true of the paragraph 3 people too, and, by definition, they had the privilege of furnished quarters for less time than [redacted] did.) 25X1

(6) In conclusion, a "savings clause", preferably retroactive, is needed, but I'm not at all sure yet what it should say - the one in [redacted] will not fully fill the bill (and has drafting weaknesses such as the provision that furniture is to be shipped to "designated place of residence", which will plague us sooner or later). 25X1

Your comments will be appreciated.

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