

NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION	DATE 30 Jan 56
	LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. S 3015

SECTION I 25X1A9a GENERAL

TO : **Dir/Security** **OGC -** LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
Dir/Personnel OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

THE ATTACHED BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN [REDACTED] CONGRESS, IS:

SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

A BILL ON WHICH FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS IS NOT PREDICTED.

~~XXX~~ SENT FOR YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS OF INTEREST TO CIA ACTIVITIES, AND WHETHER FURTHER ACTION BY THIS OFFICE IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION BE FORWARDED, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, TO THIS OFFICE, BY _____

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SECTION II COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)

TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM:
Office of General Counsel

1. We see no CIA interest in the proposed bill and action by the Legislative Counsel is believed unnecessary.

2. The bill would protect the right of individuals to petition or communicate with Congress or Members thereof "unless the information furnished is in violation of Federal law, or in violation of Federal regulations necessary to the security and safety of the United States." It is believed the quoted language does not conflict with the requirements we now impose which prevent personnel from transmitting classified Agency information outside the Agency. The exception also is perfectly consistent with the provision of paragraph 6 of our Secrecy Agreement of 16 July 1955 which states that to carry any grievances or complaints outside the Agency "will be considered a violation of the undertaking" not to disclose classified information relating to the Agency.

3. For information, the provision which would be repealed by Section 2(a) of the bill protects the right of members of the Armed Forces to communicate with members of Congress "unless such communication is in violation of law, or in violation of regulations necessary to the security and safety of the United States." The provision repealed by Section 2(b) reads:

"The right of persons employed in the civil service of the United States, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress, or any Member thereof, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to any committee or member thereof, shall not be denied or interfered with."

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