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2. [redacted] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed in some detail an understanding of Committee members' reactions to various congressional and travel activities of congressional factfinding missions. Mr. Slatinshek was candid in his personal opinion that these are areas that the Agency would be well to avoid except through established Subcommittee channels. I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on press reactions and claims of intelligence activities of [redacted] assessment of East German harassment of Berlin traffic; Soviet leadership situation; and evidence of Soviet demobilization since withdrawal of forces from Czechoslovakia.

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3. [redacted] Talked to Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Bray, concerning current employment prospects in the Agency for a young man who failed out of college after one year and who is the son of a close friend of Representative Bray. Mr. Merkle indicated that he is sure Mr. Bray will recommend against application but wanted to verify his own understanding prior to responding.

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4. [redacted] Received a call from Miss King, in the office of Representative Gus Yatron (D., Pa.), who requested an employment interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] Office of Personnel, I advised Miss King that an appointment has been scheduled for Tuesday, 25 February at 1:30.

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