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10. [REDACTED] During a short chat with Senator Leverett Saltonstall, I brought up the subject of the Agency's legislative package. I mentioned that Mr. Helms had written a letter to the Chairman about it and asked the Senator if he had any thoughts or guidance on the subject. The Senator was not aware of the fact that this legislation was now pending before the Senate Committee but said his top-of-the-head reaction was that it might be better if the Agency waited until next year on this. He said his feelings were based on the fact of the debate on the McCarthy resolution and the possibility that a CIA legislative item might touch off another CIA debate. He added that he would discuss this with Senator Russell, however, as well as with Committee Counsel, William Darden. I emphasized that we were not asking the Senator to do anything at this point but were interested in his guidance. At his request, I gave the Senator a copy of Mr. Helms' letter to the Chairman.

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