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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Agency Budget Process

I talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff,  
this afternoon about Chairman Mahon's [redacted]

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[redacted] In brief, Mr. Preston told  
me that although Chairman Mahon has been rather adamant in the past  
that the authorization process should be utilized for the Agency budget,  
in the light of current events Mr. Preston feels the Chairman would be  
amenable to review of the Agency budget with other matters not requiring  
authorization. In other words, determination would be necessary by the  
Executive to include the Agency 1973 budget in a portion of the President's  
budget which would not require authorizing legislation. Prior to forwarding  
the President's budget, the matter should be discussed with Chairman  
Mahon and his approval obtained.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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