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5. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and reviewed the status of legislation concerning protection of the rights of Federal employees pending before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Mr. Preston will check Chairman Mahon's office and try to expedite the proposed letter from Mahon to Chairman Dulski, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning complete exemption for the Agency from this legislation. The Committee will be engaged fully in scheduled hearings during the coming week. Mr. Preston will not be able to audit the classified material held by the Committee until the schedule lets up. Delivery of a new safe for Committee use will also be delayed until Mr. Preston is ready for it.

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6. [] Received a call from Miss Bernice Kalinowski, House Armed Services Committee staff, who asked if we could provide a duplicate notebook of background materials on classification of information and the Espionage Act for use by Mr. Blandford, Chief Counsel of the Committee, on Monday.

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7. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the Soviet

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8. [] In response to his call earlier in the week, met with Mr. Marvin Liebstone, in the office of Representative Robert Giaimo (D., Conn.). Mr. Liebstone gave me a copy of a letter dated 25X1 17 January to Representative Giaimo from Peter Heller of Philadelphia. After discussion Mr. Liebstone said he would file the letter without response. The letter is apparently the first of a new series in the scores of letters about the Agency written to members of Congress over the past three to four years. [] OS, has been advised.

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9. [] I made a return call to Mrs. Hope, in the office of Representative William Scott (R., Va.), to advise her that a statement from the Agency refuting the recent stories alleging Agency political assassinations in Vietnam might be issued shortly. Mrs. Hope stated that she had already responded to the constituent that raised the concern and she did not wish to pursue the matter further. Mrs. Hope would appreciate a copy of any refuting statement that might be released.

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