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25X1 22. [redacted] PLC) Sydney Olson in the office of Representative John H. Rousselot (R., Calif.) called to request assistance in replying to a constituent who expressed concern that the Agency was sponsoring legislation that would "prevent anyone from talking about CIA." She will send the letter to us for the preparation of a suggested reply.

25X1 23. [redacted] - PLC) Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, called me at home and informed me that H.R. 16373, which grants individuals right of access to Government records maintained concerning them, was reported out of the full Committee late in the day. Although Chairman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) and the Committee staff strongly supported the Agency's request for a revision of its exemption in order that the Agency not be required to follow the rule-making procedures under section 553 of Title 5, U. S. C., they were not able to bring up our amendment as no amendments were accepted after Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N. Y.) was defeated on all of her amendments. He felt that we could handle our problem by a floor amendment, which one of our oversight people could introduce. He offered to work closely with me on the amendment and the necessary colloquy. Kronfeld regretted that the Agency had not been given sufficient time to comment on the final draft of the Subcommittee bill, as it was his understanding that OMB had coordinated with the Agency. I explained that they had not, and expressed our appreciation for his consideration and sincere interest to protect the Agency.

Kronfeld also advised me that the Senate staff conferees had made a slight change to the legislative history language covering Intelligence Sources and Methods, Comint, and Restricted Data in the draft conference report on H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. He did not, however, consider the change substantive.

25X1 Kronfeld also informed me in confidence that [redacted] had asked that he prepare a brief as to whether or not any action could be taken against Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass. for disclosing the House Armed Services Committee testimony on Chile. Kronfeld said he had reviewed existing criminal law and House rules and concluded that no action could be taken against Harrington.

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