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25X1 13. [REDACTED] Called George Gilbert, and Bill Skidmore, OMB, to inquire whether they knew if the President is considering following S. Res. 399 which urges him to release all Watergate-related documents. Skidmore referred me to Jack Marsh at the White House. Mr. Marsh was not at his office and I asked that he call Mr. Hale on Monday.

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25X1 14. [REDACTED] Spoke with [REDACTED] who had been referred by Senator Peter H. Dominick (R., Colo.), in connection with some questions [REDACTED] had with the Agency's congressional oversight. I provided him with the names of the other Senators (besides Dominick) who were members of our Senate Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence. He said that information would satisfy his needs.

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25X1 15. [REDACTED] Pat O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, returned my earlier call concerning the possible overriding veto on the Freedom of Information Act amendments and interest in the Administration's strategy. The Administration is preparing to send a "Dear Colleague" letter to select senators over the signature of Senators John McClellan (D., Ark.), John Stennis (D., Miss.), Robert Griffin (R., Mich.), Roman Hruska (R., Neb.), and a liberal Democrat and Republican urging them to take a hard look at the consequences of the legislation and providing a legislative vehicle (new Freedom of Information Act amendments meeting the President's objections) on which to base their stand. The Administration intends to build on the Senate strength as shown on the FBI amendment, the vote against the Muskie amendment relating to court review, and absentees. The "Dear Colleague" letter will hopefully be sent out Monday, 18 November. Senator Stennis has not yet agreed to sign the letter and Senator McClellan will sign only on the condition that the other three identified Senators sign. O'Donnell said they would welcome our support in contacting those senators with whom we have relationships.

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25X1 16. [REDACTED] John Mancus, on the staff of Senator Joseph Biden (D., Del.), called asking several questions about the 1971 presidential elections in Uruguay. After checking with [REDACTED] Congressional Support Officer, OCI, and [REDACTED] Uruguay desk, OCI, I gave Mancus a rundown on the major events leading up to and including the election. I also provided him with a general background on the two major political parties

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