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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, 22 April 1975

25X1A 1. Accompanied [redacted] OCI, to a briefing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, as part of Ambassador Brown's task force on evacuation from Vietnam.

25X1A 2. Senate- [redacted] briefing was extremely well received and all staff members, except for Dale DeHaan, Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, were expelled from the briefing by Chairman James Eastland (D., Miss.) and Ranking Minority Member Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.) on the basis "that this is a secret CIA briefing." Members in attendance were: Chairman Eastland, Senators Roman Hruska (R., Neb.), Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), Hiram Fong (R., Hawaii), William Scott (R., Va.), Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), John Tunney (D., Calif.), Philip Hart (D., Mich.), James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.), Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.), and Quentin Burdick (D., N. Dak.). The hearing was in executive session and no transcript was taken. Following [redacted] briefing, Leonard F. Chapman, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, discussed the evacuation program assisted by State, Justice, and Defense officials. Attorney General Levi's letter of consultation addressed to Chairman Eastland on the categories and numbers of individuals to qualify for immediate parole was unanimously endorsed by the Committee.

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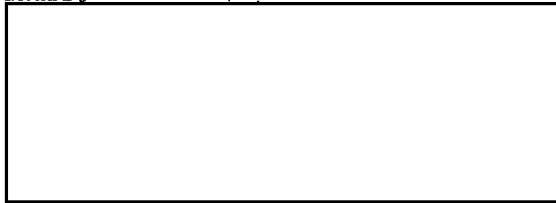
25X1A 3. House - A similar session was held with the House Subcommittee where [redacted] briefing was again very well received with Representative Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N. Y.) raising a number of questions. Before the session, Mrs. Holtzman questioned the necessity for maintaining secret the information to be received. Following the meeting, all other members were in agreement that the information was to remain secret and that it only could be published through action of the vote of the Subcommittee, not by an individual member. No transcript

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was taken in the House session which was characterized as a "briefing" not a hearing. Members in attendance from the House were: Chairman Joshua Eilberg (D., Pa.), Representatives Christopher J. Dodd (D., Conn.), Martin Russo (D., Ill.), Paul Sarbanes (D., Md.), Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N. Y.), and William Cohen (R., Maine).

4. The members of the Committees as well as the task force expressed appreciation for the information provided by CIA. (There was a leak attributed to the Senate Committee in the Washington Post which stated that: "A Senate source, who attended a Central Intelligence Agency briefing yesterday, said senators were told that it will be "a matter of days" until Vietnam falls."



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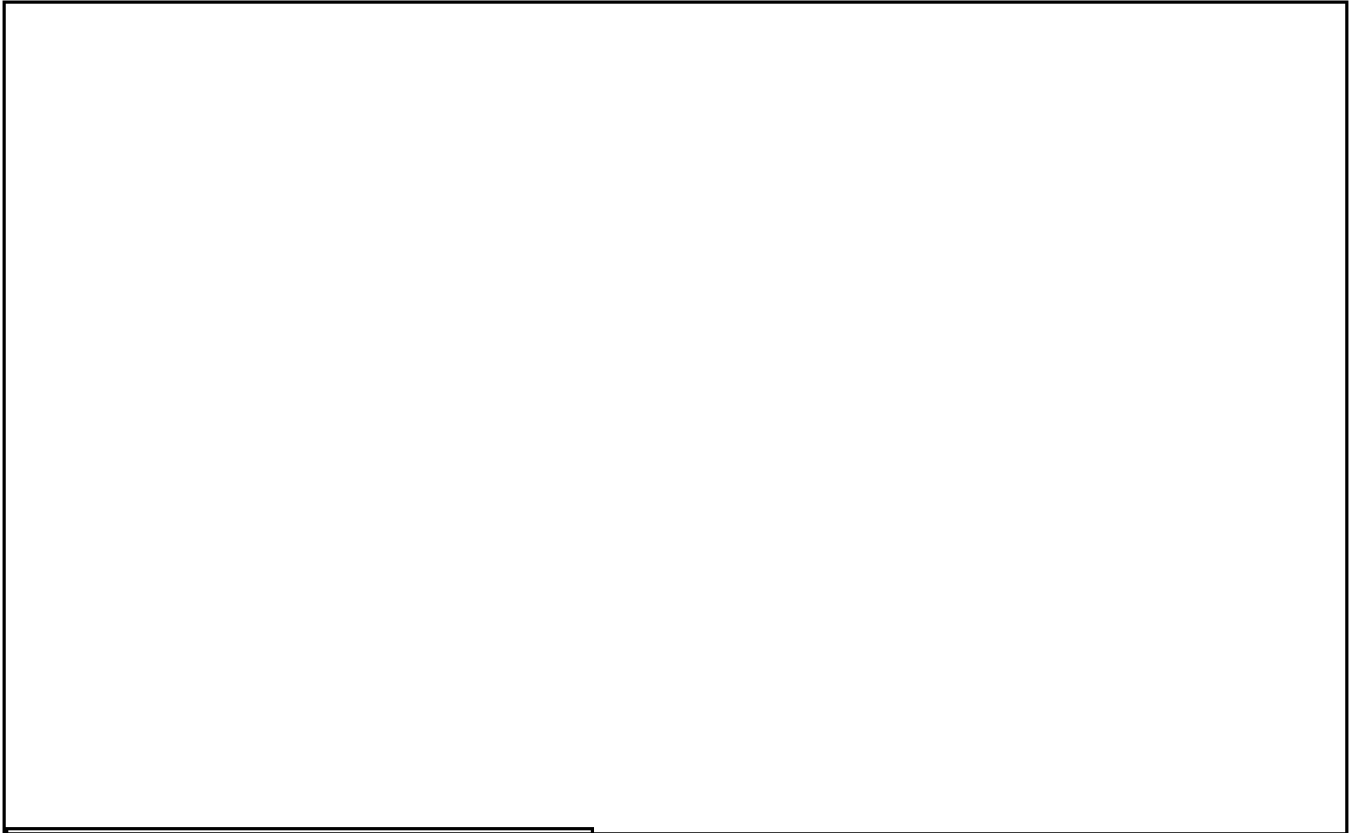
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Talked to J. C. Argetsinger, Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Nebr.) man on ~~Judiciary Committee~~ matters, and expressed concern over S. 1210 and S. 1289 pending before Senator Edward M. Kennedy's (D., Mass.) Subcommittee on Administrative Practices and Procedures. He said he had already noted the bills and would be glad to review them with Agency interests in mind, and added that he would surely help if he could. He suggested I talk to Gary Clary, Senator Strom Thurmond's (R., S. C.) man on Judiciary affairs as well.

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26. (Unclassified - WPB) Talked to Gary Clary, who handles Senator Strom Thurmond's (R., S. C.) ~~Judiciary Committee~~ matters, about S. 1210 and S. 1289. He said he was keenly aware of the problems they would cause in general and in particular for the Agency. He concluded by saying that we should feel free to enlist his help in dealing with this legislation or in handling Agency interests within the Judiciary Committee.

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21.

Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator,
~~Senate Judiciary~~ Subcommittee on Internal Security, called and referred
us to a floor statement in yesterday's Record by Senator Richard Stone
(D., Fla.) introducing a Senate Resolution 131 to require Senate approval
of any change in American foreign policy toward Cuba. Tarabochia stated
that Senator Stone introduced his Subcommittee's annual report describing
the Soviet and Cuban intelligence efforts against the Venceremos Brigade.

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