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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Andrew Hamilton, Senate  
Committee on the Budget

1. Received a call today from Andrew Hamilton, Counsel for National Defense and International Affairs, Senate Committee on the Budget, who is interested in establishing liaison with the Agency. Mr. Hamilton is a former employee of the National Security Council staff (1970-1971). He said his responsibilities with the Senate Budget Committee were similar to those of an "Associate Director of International Affairs." He said his responsibilities will cover the fields of national defense and international affairs. He said he plans to look at the Department of Defense budget on a mission basis and on the "environment of the threat." He said as part of his responsibility, he expects to have a substantial basis for intercourse with the Agency over the years. He said as far as the Agency is concerned, he anticipates his area of responsibility will be concerned with finished intelligence and budgetary data for both the Agency and the intelligence community. He said he did not expect he would get into operations unless there was a very substantial reason to do so. He added that they would be interested in assessments that bore on budgetary considerations and in the budgetary considerations themselves.

2. Having received an advanced alert that I would get this call, from Hamilton, I took the matter up with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, before this conversation with Hamilton took place. It is McConnell's view that the Budget Committee would have no reason to get into the Agency budget and that we should discuss this matter with Chairman John McClellan if we get pressured from the Budget Committee. I told Hamilton that I did not know how things were going to fit together with respect to the Budget Committee but I would look into the situation and talk with him further.

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3. Mr. Hamilton is interested in having his compartmented clearances reinstated and mentioned the Chairman of the Budget Committee has sent a letter to DOD requesting that his Top Secret DOD clearance be reinstated. Without making any commitments with respect to substantive contacts for the future, I suggested that Hamilton pursue the matter of his basic clearances with DOD while I looked into other aspects of the questions he raised and we would talk further about this at a later date. Hamilton's date of birth if [redacted] He said 25X1A  
Jerry Jennings, NSC Security, had a record of his prior clearances.

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