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5. (Confidential - PLC) Received a call from Frank Reeder, OMB, who said that they had reviewed the Director's testimony before the Abzug Subcommittee and considered it excellent. He said the Director is taking a sound position and responding to any individual who is requesting any information concerning them. This clearly reflects his intent to be as responsive as he can. He assured me that OMB still supports the Agency's exemption in the Privacy Act and would not initiate any action to strike the exemption. I explained the Director's position to exempt intelligence sources and methods and that we are working up some language to submit to the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee. He asked that I keep him informed as to the developments in this regard and he felt sure that OMB would support whatever exemption the Agency deems best.

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22. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Mark Kliman, in the office of Representative Les Aspin, about his inquiries and attempted to explain the basis for the apparent differences in the position taken by Secretary Clements and that of the Agency on the percentage of Soviet GNP devoted to defense. I also told him we were willing to sit down and talk with Aspin about how we arrived at Soviet defense figures and I explained some of the complications involved. Kliman said when they go after somebody they like to do so on the basis of written material but he would take the matter up with Aspin tomorrow to see if he was interested in meeting with Agency representatives.

23. (Confidential - GLC) Received a call from Pat Holt, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who asked for a briefing Wednesday afternoon on the Iraq/Iran situation. [redacted] is setting something up on this.

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24. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Phil Buchen, White House staff, concerning the Director's letter to him today on H. Res. 72. I went over the letter with Buchen, telling him we were asked by Chairman Price, House Armed Services Committee, for our comments and the matter was coming up before the Democratic Caucus tomorrow. I told him that we were trying to coordinate our response with OMB but had run into difficulties with George Gilbert who said they have not yet gotten [redacted] letter. I told Buchen that we could LDX a copy of our letter to Price over to him but he said he would get a copy from Gilbert. Buchen then said he understood from one of the congressional relations people that they did not think Holtzman would have the votes to sweep this. I told Buchen that is what we thought but there are no guarantees. Buchen said he had sent a letter directly to Price saying this is a matter that should be dealt with only in the context of the Select Committee. Buchen said he would get back to us as soon as he could.

In addition to my call to Buchen, I called Max Friedersdorf and Russ Rourke, White House staff, to alert them to the impending Democratic Caucus action on H. Res. 72 tomorrow and to urge they clear our letter to Chairman Price, House Armed Services Committee, on this Resolution. All agreed to do everything they could on both points.

Later in the evening talked with Buchen and Jim Hyde (of OMB) who asked that we modify our letter on H. Res 72 somewhat. With this change they gave their clearance.

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25. (Confidential - GLC) On Sunday, 9 March, I called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning the membership of the Subcommittee on Investigations, especially Representative Michael Harrington. See Memo for Record.

26. (Internal Use Only - DFM) Talked several times during the day with George Gilbert, Jim Oliver, and Jim Hyde, OMB, in connection with our request for a quick approval from OMB of our comments on H. Res. 72. The approval was finally cleared late in the evening with Mr. Cary.

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