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1. [redacted] Called Norm Cornish, Staff Director, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, and discussed the vote in the House yesterday passing S. 3418, the Senate privacy bill, and sending it back to the Senate with the text of the House bill, H. R. 16373, substituted. I advised him that OMB called us last night alerting us that we would be receiving the latest compromise bill version for comment either today or tomorrow before it is submitted to the Congress for a vote. Cornish explained that when the compromise bill is agreed upon the Senate managers of S. 3418 will then amend the bill to conform it to the compromise version. The measure will then be voted on in the Senate and go back to the House for a final vote. This will clear it for submission to the President. Cornish added that he doubts OMB can circulate a compromise of the bill since they will not have a final version until later today or tomorrow. He again assured me that the Agency exemption is unchanged and as stated in H. R. 16373. I stressed that we would most appreciate reviewing a Committee copy if time does not permit circulation by OMB.

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2. [redacted] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, late in the afternoon and brought him uptodate on the status of section 660 in the Foreign Assistance Act, and the problems pertaining thereto. Preston asked that he be kept advised.

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3. [redacted] Talked to Mr. Stought, Office Manager, Alderson Reporting Firm, and made the necessary arrangements for security overview of the transcription of the reporter's notes and delivery of the transcript of today's briefing before the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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4. [redacted] Met with William H. Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and received from him the declassified transcripts of the following: Schlesinger/Cushman transcript of 11 May 1973; David Young's transcript of 18 July 1973 and James McCord's transcript of 22 July 1973.

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25X1 5. [] Together with Mr. Cary met with Jack Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and reviewed with him Agency problems concerning section 660 of the Foreign Assistance Act and left with Brady a corrected copy of the proposed subsection (c) concerning protection of information; possible language for the conference report to be used as a fallback in the event that subsection (c) is not accepted; and a copy of the Zablocki amendments to the Bolling/Hansen resolution adopted 8 October by the House of Representatives concerning House Foreign Affairs Committee oversight over intelligence activities relating to foreign policy.

25X1 6. [] After the completion of the briefing before the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, House Foreign Affairs Committee, confirmed with Chairman Clement J. Zablocki (D., Wis.) the fact that the reporter's notes, transcription and return of the transcripts to the Agency would be handled under Agency security controls and the transcripts will be retained by the Agency subject to call by the Chairman. Chairman Zablocki thought this was excellent.

25X1 7. [] Called Paul Corwin in the office of Senator James L. Buckley (R., N. Y.) and discussed the Senator's amendment to limit access to educational records. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 8. [] Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, to a briefing of the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of House Foreign Affairs, on SALT and related subjects. See Memo for Record.

25X1 9. [] Bob Hull, State Department, called to discuss the status of the legislation eliminating the Federal tax exemption of Governmental allowances (H. R. 17488). He agreed even though the issue was dead this year, we should be working out positions to assure that the matter was not reported during the next Congress without due consideration of the merits. I informed Hull that the Director has, in a letter, expressed his concern to the Director of OMB, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury.

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25X1 10. [redacted] Sam Goldberg, State Department, returned my call of yesterday concerning developments in conference committee on the Foreign Assistance Act but he did not know why germaneness had not been raised on section 22 in connection with the words "any other act" dealing with Chile except that there was some type of problem with Chairman Dante Fascell, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee, House Foreign Affairs Committee

25X1 11. [redacted] Bud McFarlane, NSC staff, called reporting that Everett Bierman, staff assistant on the Foreign Affairs Committee, will be glad to work with the Agency on its problems under the pending Foreign Assistance Act. I told McFarlane that Mr. Cary was then on the Hill working on this very problem and reviewed with him our proposal including colloquy, conference statement, and Presidential statement upon signing and several of the technical amendments including a new subsection to the provision limiting intelligence activities which could be used to safeguard and control access to the sensitive information covered, including override of House Rule XI, Clause 27(c) granting members access to all committee records. McFarlane was concerned lest we do nothing which would result in a backlash on the floor against the Foreign Assistance Act and I assured him that we were working with Chairman Thomas Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representatives Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.), Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.), and on the Senate side, Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) and even Senator Harold Hughes (D., Iowa), who originally proposed the provision, were concerned with the security aspects. I told McFarlane that the Director had called Senator Humphrey and received assurances in this respect and also has a call into Chairman Thomas Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, as well. McFarlane said that having these members involved should eliminate any possibility of backlash.

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