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Civil Service Commission Meeting

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Mr. ██████████ attended a meeting at the Civil Service Commission on Friday, 18 July, with Mr. ██████████. The final item on the agenda for discussion was the training legislation, S. 385. Mr. Ross Pollack conducted the discussion on this bill and after a few brief remarks opened the meeting for questions from the floor. Considerable concern was expressed by representatives of the Departments of Defense and Army regarding the restriction placed by the bill on affording one year's training for every ten years' federal service. Mr. Pollack stated that it was the philosophy of the Congress that this bill was not designed to subsidize federal employees for formal education or for the acquisition of advanced degrees. However, he did not think the legislation applied to what was referred to as the "co-op" program. The Defense Department was also concerned over the restriction imposed by the bill in providing training for those with less than one year's service, particularly for scientific and technical personnel who are generally placed in a training status with industry or research organizations during their first year of tenure of office. It was Mr. Pollack's approach to defer a decision on these points and say that they would be jointly worked out.

It was announced during this meeting that during the week of 21 July a series of smaller meetings would be held on a scheduled basis. The Commission intended to invite four or five agencies at a time to discuss the implications as they affected formerly authorized training for these agencies and to seek the advice of the agencies regarding the responsibility of the Commission for the development and issuance of regulations concerning the implementation of the training act.

S. 385

On Tuesday, 22 July, Mr. ██████████ discussed the training legislation with ██████████ as part of his initial briefing and at Mr. ██████████ request called ██████████ to learn the status of the Agency's exceptions to the training bill and to inquire as to the desirability of establishing liaison with the Civil Service Commission regarding this legislation. The Deputy General Counsel, ██████████ advised that a draft Presidential Directive,

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identifying those sections of the bill for which the Agency was seeking exception and requesting that exception be granted, had been submitted to the DCI. It was the General Counsel's opinion that no liaison should be established with the Civil Service Commission or any other agency or department until exceptions to provisions of the bill had been granted CIA.

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On Wednesday, 23 July, Mr. [REDACTED] Office of Personnel, advised Mr. [REDACTED] that the Agency had been invited to participate in an advisory meeting to the Civil Service Commission on the new training legislation on Friday, 25 July. Mr. [REDACTED] had suggested that he attend as the Agency representative in order to obviate any embarrassment to the Office of Training in dealing with questions pertaining to the bill. Mr. [REDACTED] suggested that he talk to the General Counsel before accepting the invitation from the Commission. On Thursday morning Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] brought to the attention of the DDTR the opinion of the General Counsel that no contact should be established with other agencies or departments of the Government regarding the training legislation until exceptions had been granted to the Agency and acting on the request of the DDTR, the General Counsel was called to determine (a) whether Mr. [REDACTED] had made known the fact that he intended to attend the meeting called by the Commission on Friday, 25 July, and (b) whether the General Counsel had agreed that this was a wise step. When the General Counsel was advised that this meeting would be for only a few selected agencies, he agreed to call Mr. [REDACTED] and advise him that it was his opinion that the Agency should not have a representative at this meeting.

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