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23. LIAISON Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and said the CIARDS legislation would be called up on the floor on 10 September.

I discussed the letter which Representative Leonor Sullivan (D., Mo.) had written to Chairman Melvin Price, House Armed Services Committee, (which Chairman Price forwarded to us). I said our suggested response has gone to NSC, which got the original request. Slatinshek said there is a feeling among some members of Congress that the Administration is playing games -- deliberately downplaying evidence that there is some activity there which the members should be aware of so as to justify the giving away of the Panama Canal. He said he didn't know if this was true or not. He said we must be honest no matter what NSC says. I told him there was no question that we would give an honest reply.

Slatinshek also said there is quite a bit of interest in Soviet nuclear capabilities. There is concern on the Hill that they are not being kept informed of Soviet testing, that they hear practically nothing from the Executive Branch on any of this and they wonder why. He said he is directing this question to us and would like something from us as to the number of these tests in recent weeks all of which appear to have exceeded the 100 kiloton level. I told him we would get him a paper on this.

OCI, has been advised and has provided a paper to Slatinshek.

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LIAISON Mr. Herwitz, Country Director for Korea, Department of State, called and said he understood we had turned down a request to appear before Representative Donald Fraser's (D., Minn.) Subcommittee on International Organizations of the House International Relations Committee on the subject of human rights in North Korea. Herwitz wanted to know if we would reconsider. I told him the Director didn't feel there was anything we could add to what the Department has on the subject and it was better for State to handle it than us. He said the Agency does know quite a bit on other aspects such as economics, etc. I said I would look into this and get back in touch. Tom White will handle.

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25X1	LIAISON Spoke with on the staff of Representative Bud Shuster (R., Pa.), is request for an Agency speaker. France explained that members of the Chambersburg, Pa. Chamber of Communisiting Washington on the 29th of September. He said visiting the Pentagon and the FBI and had requested an for their luncheon, which will be hosted by the Congressuggested that our speaker address himself to the Agency Government rather than the adverse publicity directed Agency, which the Chamber of Commerce people said interested in. I contacted the office of Paul Chretien, that he would be available to speak to the group, and adwe would be able to make a speaker available for the great call us back when he gets a room number and time for	in response to his approximately 50 nerce would be they would be Agency speaker sman. He acy role in toward the they were not OTR, determined vised France that
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25X1	on the Subcommittee on International Organizations staff Relations Committee, and told him that after reviewing decided to maintain our position and not supply a witnes hearings on human rights in North Korea. He said he u for our position and while he would like to have had an A would not press further on the matter.	the matter we had s for Subcommittee
25X1	NSC staff, and discussed with him the OAG deliberation a sensitive CA project which it has been alleged has not Presidential findings to date. He stated that while the c finding does not specifically mention the project it was i original language of the finding and deleted for sensitivit definitely was intended to be included in the overall finding stood by the President.	been covered in urrent omnibus ncluded in the

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LIAISON Spoke with Chip Pickett, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Budget, and he indicated that the Committee, to his knowledge, did not have possession of the final numbers on the appropriation approved by the conferees.

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5. LIAISON Contacted Ronald Kienlen, Office of General Counsel, OMB, to obtain background on an Executive Order which, according to the 7 September Congressional Record "Daily Digest," the President was issuing and which would prohibit the employment of aliens in the competitive service. Mr. Kienlen assured me that the Executive Order (E.O. 11935) would affect only the competitive service and not the excepted services.

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Rules and Administration Committee to determine the status of S. 2925, the zero-base review bill, which had been referred to that Committee by the Senate Government Operations Committee after being reported favorably by the latter in early August. I was informed that Senators Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) and William V. Roth (R., Del.), both of whom are pushing S. 2925, were testifying before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee today and that the Committee hopes to report the bill favorably very shortly since it is on the Senate calendar later this month.

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7. LIAISON I called Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and told him that 39 of the names on the current foreign service list are ours.

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LIAISON Cliff Hackett, House International Relations Committee staff, called and stated that at the time we provided the conclusions to the document on the Italian Communist Party we had also offered a briefing on the Communist Party and stated that Representatives Stephen J. Solarz (D., N. Y.) and Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) had now requested such a briefing. I told him that the situation had changed somewhat and gave him some background on the Panorama article, which he claimed he was unaware of. I then told him I would look into whether we could provide such a briefing.

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