

off record

X1 18. [redacted] LIAISON Called [redacted] FBI, concerning the request from Rick Inderfurth, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to review documents [redacted] 25X
said that Inderfurth would be permitted only limited access to documents from FBI files because of the very sensitive sources involved. I told [redacted] 25X
that if the FBI expressed similar concerns it might further strengthen our position.

X1 19. [redacted] LIAISON Attended a breakfast/briefing hosted by Mr. Knoche for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Budget Subcommittee this morning. In attendance were: Senators William Hathaway (D., Maine), Robert Morgan (D., N. Car.), Gary Hart (D., Colo.), and Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.). Staff members attending were: Bill Miller, George Pickett, Elliot Maxwell, Michael Madigan, Howard Liebengood, Charles Kirbow, Rick Inderfurth, Sam Bouchard, and Mike Epstein. (See [redacted] IC Staff, Memo for the Record.

X1 20. [redacted] LIAISON In response to Mr. Cary's conversation with Dave Bowers, House Ethics Committee, yesterday, I called Bowers and gave him suggested language to put in a note to attach to his 17 September 1976 letter to Chairman John Flynt.

X1 21. [redacted] LIAISON In the absence of Paul Dailey, FBI, spoke with John Hotis, FBI, about our concern with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staffers reviewing files on people involved in the [redacted] case. I said we had no problem with them looking at the files but they want to get copies on a loan basis of some of these documents which they feel they need to prepare for questioning [redacted] on Friday. I asked Hotis if this would in any way impede the Bureau's investigation of the [redacted] assassination. 25X

Hotis said they have expressed concern, particularly to Mike Madigan, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, but the staffers just get more demanding and adamant. I told him the Director had talked to Chairman Daniel Inouye (D., Hawaii) and Vice-Chairman Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) about this and Chairman Inouye said he had no intention of conducting an "investigation" of this but that Senator Baker was anxious to get into it. I said when the Director talked to Senator Baker, he made it clear he has every right to proceed as Vice-Chairman to look into the case. I said if there is no basis for objection from the Bureau's standpoint, that we can only let Chairman Inouye and Bill Miller, Staff Director, know of our concern about our material and whether this will impede the investigation. Hotis said he agreed on both points but didn't know what they could do about it. He said Madigan has been trying to get copies of FBI files but they have been delaying by telling him to put the request in a letter. I said we want to cooperate by letting them look at the files, but taking copies is another question.

Don Bruce

DRAFT:GLC:ndl (27 Sept 76)

George Cary, Legislative Counsel at CIA, called me today to clarify a matter covered in his letter of 17 September 1976 to the Chairman. Paragraph 2 of that letter states that the documents reviewed by CIA at the Committee's request ranged in classification from "Confidential" through "Secret" and one "Top Secret." Mr. Cary advised that further research into this matter indicates that the text of ~~this~~ ^{the "Top Secret"} document, which was in the possession of CIA, was declassified by former/Director Colby when certain deletions were made in that text and as such it was read into the ^{record} ~~request~~ of the Pike Committee. Although the document was never officially sanitized and does contain these deletions, certain security designators which are still on that copy of the document would require that it be classified "Confidential."

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