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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jack Marsh, Counsellor to the President -
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1. I met with Jack Marsh in his office at the White House this evening to bring him up to date on a number of recent developments. I advised him of the establishment of the four Subcommittees within the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on Human Rights, the Intelligence Product, Intelligence Charters, and Budget, and told him of some of the discussions which have come up in recent sessions with the Select Committee on topics such as notification to the Committee under Section 11 of S. Res. 400 as opposed to the reporting requirements of Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act, the position taken by Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) with respect to access to information and Chairman Daniel Inouye's recommendation that members of the Committee travel to our foreign field stations whenever possible. I told Mr. Marsh that I thought our relationships with the Committee and the staff at this point were extremely good and I was optimistic that this would turn out to be a good oversight relationship which in the long run could prove to be useful to the Agency in warding off incursions into sensitive Agency activities by other committees of Congress.

2. I told Marsh of the recent activities in the House Appropriations Committee such as the establishment of a separate budget for the Intelligence Community staff as set forth in Title 8 of the Defense Appropriations bill as reported out of the House Committee, the investigation of the DDO, Sigint and other activities by the Staff Investigators and the cuts made by the House which had been the subject of reclama to the Senate Committee by the Director.

3. I also mentioned to Mr. Marsh our concern about proposed amendments to the Case provision in the Foreign Assistance legislation having to do with the reporting of international agreements. I told Marsh that we were examining this issue with concern and with respect to the

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possible requirement for reporting of agreements with foreign intelligence services under the provisions of this law.

4. I told him that as far as we could determine from the Senate Select Committee staff, they were "back to square one" in their consideration of the electronic surveillance legislation (S. 3197). In this connection, Marsh said I should talk with Tony Lapham, General Counsel, about the discussion this morning at the ICG meeting with respect to this legislation.

5. Marsh listened attentively, but without comment or reservation, to the points which I made, except his comment on the electronic surveillance legislation.



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