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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : [Redacted] Acting Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT : Status of S. Res. 400 Senate Debate as
of 1300 hours, 19 May 1976

1. On the oversight issue we are continuing to make some progress.

a. Senator Nunn today engaged Senator Ribicoff in a colloquy in which Senator Ribicoff made the commitment that there is no intent through the authorization process to disclose CIA funds and that the funds will be disguised in an authorization bill, as they are currently in Appropriations bills. At this point, I don't have any details on how this will be implemented, but at least it is a commitment to keep our budget secret.

b. On the Budget Committee point that Senator Bellmon spoke to you about, Senator Muskie asserted the right of the Budget Committee to have our figures (he is previously on record that he didn't want great detail - see attached), but has also made a commitment that he doesn't intend to disclose them.

2. So far so good. The only remaining point uncovered so far on which we are trying to have an impact concerns the primacy of jurisdiction issue so that other committees could not assert their right to information on matters which they claim is under their jurisdiction. We have been unsuccessful in getting any buyers on this point and if debate is closed without this clarification, we will have to rely upon a strong chairman and committee to stand tough on this point with their colleagues.

[Redacted Signature]

Acting Legislative Counsel

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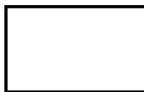
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Any action
required on
this ?? Please
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Director

I think we have done as well as we
can in line with your conversation with
Senator Bellmon and Murkies' committee
on the floor today.

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CHARLES H. PERCY
ILLINOIS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Sen. Percy

Dear Sen. [unclear]

In response to

one of your questions

of me

regarding



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1 We have had considerable discussion with the House
2 Budget Committee and with CBO and with OMB and we haven't yet
3 resolved that question .

4 So, I think that there is plenty of room for additional
5 staff consideration.

6 Senator Percy. Mr. Chairman, could I ask you one
7 question related but unrelated?

8 It came up yesterday in discussion with George Bush.

9 Obviously, in the Intelligence Oversight Committee,
10 pending business on the Floor now, we are trying to reduce the
11 fragmentation there, the constant reporting with Mr. Colby
12 spending in three years 60 percent of his time before Congress
13 or preparing to come before Congress with a multitude of
14 committees.

15 We are trying to cut that down.

16 As I understand it, the new intelligence committee would
17 submit a budget for the agency to the Budget Committee. What
18 would be the procedure of the Budget Committee, then, in calling
19 the director of the agency before it? How much detail would
20 they need to get into, et cetera?

21 Senator Muskie. To the extent that we get into major
22 items in other functions. We are not a line-item committee.
23 We don't want to be, especially in this field.

24 We do have to know how much is involved overall and we
25 do have to know how much is involved overall and we have to
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1 know in what functions the requests fall, and we ought to know
2 what the major thrust is.

3 We have prepared ourselves staff-wise to receive classi-
4 fied information and to protect this in the budget committee.
5 We haven't tried to intrude ourselves in the process of writing
6 a compromise. We are relying on the Budget Act, which imposes
7 on every committee an obligation to report to us.

8 We do not want to get into any more of a line-item
9 consideration of the intelligence committee than we are in the
10 others.

11 If there are major changes in the thrust of the
12 intelligence effort, then it seems to me that we have a right
13 to know what that is and it should be protected in the same way
14 that it would be protected in the intelligence committee itself.

15 Senator Percy. If I could ask, then, that this transcript
16 be sent over to my office as quickly as possible, I will
17 transmit that as the best response we can get from Mr. Bush at
18 this time.

19 I thank the Chairman.

20 Senator Glenn. Mr. Chairman, on voting out any of these,
21 do we need to vote these out before Senator Percy leaves?

22 Senator Percy. I think you have enough to vote it out.

23 Mr. From. We have enough. Three is what we need.

24 Senator Percy. Senator Roth, you can stay, and my proxy

Comparison of S. Res. 400 and H.R. 1224 (Pike Resolution)

These two Resolutions are extremely similar. It is obvious that Pike adopted the bulk of S. Res. 400 making the changes necessary for a House Committee rather than a Senate Committee and changing a few substantive provisions of the Resolution. Following are the differences in the two:

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1. The Senate Committee is labelled a "Select Committee" while the House Committee would be a standing Committee. As a Select Committee, the Senate Committee is not subject to the rules applicable to standing committees. The proposed standing committee of the House would be subject to the rules applicable to the other standing committees, including XI, 2(e)(2) which gives all Members access to all committee records. The Senate Committee has other attributes of standing committees, e.g. permanency, legislative authority, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership of the House Committee would be 9 to 13 members, with no designated seats. (Senate - 15 members, plus 2 ex-officio, 8 designated seats)

The Committee would not have a fixed majority-minority ratio, but would reflect overall House membership. (Senate - 8 majority, 7 minority)

The House Resolution adds "the Committee membership should reflect a broad representation of political and philosophical views." (Senate - no such language in the Resolution, although Mansfield expressed this intent).

There is a six-year maximum term of service. (Senate - 8 years)

Staff are limited to six years employment. (Senate - no limit)

There is no Vice Chairman. (Senate - ranking minority is Vice Chairman)

JURISDICTION

3. The jurisdiction of the House Committee would be identical to the Senate Committee, except that authorization bills would not be subject to sequential referral. (I believe this would give us greater budget secrecy problems.)

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY OF AGENCIES

4. The reporting responsibility of the head of each department or agency to keep the Committee fully and currently informed and to furnish information or documents in the agency's possession are not labelled "sense of the House" provisions.

SPECIAL STUDY

5. Of the nine points to be the subject of a special study by the Senate Committee, the House Committee would only undertake a study of five of these and with no deadline for completion of this study. (Senate deadline is 1 July 1977)

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1.	Director			<p>Representative Pike has introduced a resolution to establish a new House committee with a charter extremely similar to the charter of the new Senate Select Committee. I thought you might be interested in the attached comparison of S. Res. 400 and the Pike resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  George L. Cary Legislative Counsel </p>
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