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NOTE FOR THE FILE

On 9 March 1978 I received a call from Dave Barrett, at the Department of Justice, Mr. Barrett called to tell me that the transcript of Attorney General Bell's testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights was received by Justice and was available for my review. I told Mr. Barrett I would try to arrange a morning early next week to review the testimony. I asked Mr. Barrett if he knew off hand whether Justice had drafted an amendment to the Federal Tort Claims Act, as they said they would, to insulate U.S. Government employees overseas from personal liability for constitutional torts. Mr. Barrett said that while he is not personally involved in the matter, he believes that the amendment is still in the drafting/negotiating phase and nothing to date has been proposed. He suggested I contact Mike Dolan, at Justice, with regard to the issue.

I called the Senate Judiciary Committee to request information regarding the Committee's plans to hold hearings on an FBI charter sometime in April (14 Congressional Monitor 7, 6 March 1978). I was put in touch with David Dixon on the staff, and he informed me that the staff hopes to have something scheduled for 20-21 April. No witnesses to date have been scheduled but the Committee would like to start off with Mr. Webster. While the hearings to be scheduled will be basically "background" hearings, the staff may, according to Mr. Dixon, have a bill or at least guidelines prepared before the hearings. Mr. Dixon said he would be glad to talk with me further as things develop with regard to the hearings and indicated that if he is not available I might ask for Bill Westfal.

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1. (Unclassified - ABS) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES Sent to Elliot Maxwell, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and Walt Sheridan, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research, Senate Committee on Human Resources, the unclassified 10th release of the BLUEBIRD/ARTICHOKE documents.
2. (Unclassified - JMS) LIAISON House Select Committee on Assassinations staffers visited Headquarters to review Agency material.
3. (Unclassified - PLC) LIAISON Met with Michael Goldsmith, Bob Genzman, Howard Leap, all of the House Select Committee on Assassinations staff conducting the Kennedy phase of the investigation, who raised several problems they are having with a number of requests. (See Memorandum to Don Gregg, SA/DO/O.)
4. (Unclassified - JEC) LEGISLATION Received a call from Bob Carlstrom, OMB, concerning my request for amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act proposed by the Department of Justice in November 1977. Mr. Carlstrom said he had no record of any such amendments and assumed the Justice letter referring to them was in error and actually meant September 1977 amendments.
5. (Unclassified - ME) LIAISON Ms. Diane Williams, on the House Government Operations Committee staff, called to request a copy of the "Freedom of Information Act Annual Report to the Congress for the Year 1977" which was sent to Thomas O'Neill, Speaker of the House. After checking with [redacted] I informed Diane that I would send her a copy.
6. (Unclassified - ELS) HEARING Attended a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on the FY 1979 CIA budget. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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