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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frederick P. Hitz  
Legislative Counsel

FROM : [redacted]  
Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Willingness of Representative Bob Wilson  
(R., Calif.) to Introduce Legislation  
Which Would Impose Criminal Penalties  
on Individuals who Knowingly Reveal  
the Identities of CIA Case Officers  
and Agents

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1. [redacted] On 7 August 1978 I accompanied Don Gregg,  
Chief, [redacted] to the office of Representative Bob  
Wilson to brief Mr. Wilson in response to Mr. Wilson's  
questions about [redacted]  
Once this briefing (in response to a constituent request)  
had been completed Mr. Gregg mentioned that John Stein,  
ADDO, had just returned from an extended trip to the Far  
East Division. Mr. Stein returned from his trip with the  
overall observation that morale was really quite good  
with one notable exception. He said that nearly all  
case officers were deeply concerned about revelations  
of identities of CIA officers as well as agents by Phillip  
Agee and other like-minded persons.

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2. [redacted] Mr. Wilson indicated that he shared this  
concern and said that he would be willing to introduce  
legislation imposing criminal penalties on those (I presume  
limited to former staffers) who knowingly reveal the  
identities of CIA officers and/or agents. When asked about  
the likelihood of getting such legislation passed during  
this session of Congress, Mr. Wilson indicated that it would  
be difficult but possible. He suggested that perhaps the  
most expeditious way of getting legislation through at this  
term would be via an amendment to some other legislation.

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3. [redacted] I recommend that one of us take the same  
language which has already been supplied to Senator  
Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas) and deliver it to Mr. Wilson  
as soon as possible, preferably this week. I should add

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that Fred Hull, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, told Mr. Wilson that Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) is not at all interested in this sort of legislation (as opposed to sources and methods legislation).



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cc:



Don Gregg<sup>SM</sup>

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