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Briefings

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jim Bush, House Permanent Select
           Committee on Intelligence Staff, re Title IV
           of H.R. 12240

1. On Friday, 2 June 1978, [ ] and I met with   STAT
Jim Bush, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff,
and told him that we wanted to informally let him know that the
Department of State was attempting to rush a formal letter to
the Committee objecting to Title IV of H.R. 12240 concerning
excludable aliens. I told Bush that, while we did not have a
formal Administration position on Title IV at this time, we
expected that the letters to the committees appealing the House
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence budget authorization decisions would
say that we believe Title IV to be unnecessary and that any
dispute between the Department of State and the Department of
Justice regarding the admittance of excludable aliens would be
resolved in the context of the Special Coordination Committee
overview of counterintelligence.

2. Bush understood that what I was giving him was informal
and for the assistance of Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.)
in case he got any floor discussion of H.R. 12240 when it came up
for House action.

3. This meeting with Bush was based on a previous call that
[ ] had from Tracy Cole, OMB, who had informed us that State
was asking for clearance on their negative position. Tracy first STAT
asked us if we could provide an Administration position from the
Director on this matter. After consultation with [ ]   STAT
and [ ] Office of Program and Budget Development, IC Staff, STAT
I told Tracy that we could not provide a coordinated position on
short notice and really hoped that we could buy time in order to
develop a response through the appeal letter. She seemed to accept
this. It was on the basis of this set of events that I then went
and spoke to Jim Bush. All of this was in expectation that
H.R. 12240 would come up for vote on the floor of the House on
2 June. This did not happen. H.R. 12240 is now scheduled to come

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up for floor action on 6 June and we understand that the
Department of State letter has been delivered to the House
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. _____ is   STAT
attempting to get a copy of the letter from OMB.

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