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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

[Redacted]

Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

HPSCI Hearing on the Intelligence
Community Staff Reorganization
and Budget Amendment

1. [Redacted] Action Requested: Approval of the attached witness list for your appearance before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) on the Intelligence Community Staff reorganization and budget amendment. There are also a number of informational points contained in Paragraph 2.

2. [Redacted] Background: You are to appear before the Program and Budget Authorization Subcommittee of HPSCI at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, 22 May. [Redacted] will be your principal supporting witnesses. The HPSCI staff has been working hard this past week to become acquainted with current Community activities concerning collection tasking, systems evaluation, and overall management and have spent considerable time interviewing senior officials of the Intelligence Community Staff. It is clear that the emphasis will be on why you feel you need so many people at high grades in order to perform the functions of central management. You will also be pressed to relate these functions to other existing DOD functions. There are a few specific points which you should focus on before the hearing:

a. First, it appears that HPSCI, as well as the other Congressional oversight committees, do not have a problem with the general concept of dividing the Intelligence Community Staff into Collection Tasking and Resource Management. Therefore, it does not appear that you need to concentrate on getting any further agreement to do this. The HPSCI staff is under the impression that the term "Intelligence Community Staff" will still

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remain as an overall covering designation for the Collection Tasking Staff and the Resource Management Staff and there is no need, therefore, to eliminate this term from Title II of the currently introduced authorization bill (H.R. 12240). I believe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] understand this, but you may want to confirm it yourself.

b. Second, the HPSCI and other committees all appear to need convincing on both the numbers of additional positions you are seeking and the requirement for the high number of executive-level and supergrade positions. If you can assure the committees that these positions are not additive to present NFIP totals, this will go a long way toward relieving the committees' concerns.

c. Third, in marking up the NFIP budget, HPSCI has already recommended a 40-position reduction in the CIA ceiling for 1979. They did this before the budget amendment was submitted. Since the amendment recommends that CIA give 50 positions to the Intelligence Community Staff, you may wish to point this out and to ask the Committee to consider this transfer as an offset to the Committee's recommended reduction. Otherwise, there is a risk that the Agency may lose 40 positions in addition to the two they are transferring to the Intelligence Community Staff. This would also provide protection against a 90-position CIA cut if the committees refused to approve the reorganization. It may require some skill to convince Chairman Burlison that you are not trying to pull something on him by this maneuver, but the figures are clear enough.

d. Finally, we understand that the Appropriations Committees will not move on this reorganization until the authorization committees have taken clear action. This means that the authorization committees need not only to make some positive decisions but also to amend the authorization bills which contain the numbers of dollars and positions regulating the Intelligence Community Staff. This will have to be done by floor amendments to the

Senate and House bills which have already been reported out of committee. This should not be a problem but will require constant attention by the committees. We will watch this closely.

3. Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve the attached witness list for attendance at the HPSCI hearing.

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Attachments

- Witness list
- Briefing sheet

APPROVED: LSI
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED: _____
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET AUTHORIZATION
of the
HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Monday - 22 May 1978

1:00 p.m.

H-405, The Capitol

(Intelligence Community Staff Reorganization)

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