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5. (Internal Use Only - CM) CONSTITUENT Dem Cowles, of the staff of Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), called on behalf of [redacted], of Fairbanks, a U.S. citizen who claims that personal photographs that he had taken were taken away from him when he returned to the U.S. from Russia two years ago, and that he had also suffered the interception of his mail; he thinks the FBI and CIA did it. [redacted] further claims that he has been denied access to his files, despite FOIA requests. He now has read that a class action suit is being brought against CIA alleging invasion of privacy, and would like to join the suit. I told Cowles that the story sounded bizarre, and he agreed. I noted that CIA has no border responsibilities or internal security functions. I recommended that he contact the FBI and the Customs Service, and said I would check our FOIA records to see if [redacted] had made a request to CIA. I also suggested that he check with the Justice Department on any suits pending against the CIA. He said he would do so.

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6. (Unclassified - CM) LIAISON Per his request, forwarded some maps of the Middle East to Nicholas Soames, in the office of Senator Mark Hatfield (R., Ore.). I promised to have two more for him in a day or so.

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Brand hoped to have the Clerk's letter, responding to Mr. Tony Lapham's, General Counsel, letter on the [redacted] Agency case, completed sometime next week.

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