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28. (Internal Use Only - GLC) LIAISON Walt Elder, Intelligence Community staff, called to say that Mr. John McCone, former DCI, will be in town next Monday and was interested in knowing when then Representative Jerry Ford (R., Mich.) had been briefed on the presence of offensive missiles in Cuba. At that time (1962) Mr. Ford was a member of the Special Group which handled intelligence appropriations for the House Appropriations Committee.

29. (Unclassified - GLC) LIAISON Talked with Col. Steve Harrick, DOD, with further reference to the request he had received from the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for clearances on a number of the Committee staff members. He indicated that DOD has been formally asked to grant clearances to three members of the staff, but has been informally advised that there will be about 15 others involved. Harrick said DOD would be just as happy to have these clearances run by the FBI as I suggested if this procedure is feasible to the Committee. I told him we would look into it.

I also talked to Harrick about the granting of compartmented clearances to congressional staff members. I told him that as he knew, we had held the line in not granting these clearances to the personal staff of members, limiting these clearances only to staff personnel of congressional committees. I discussed the problem of staffers working for members in leadership positions and the possibility of granting clearance to one staffer for each congressional leader. Harrick said he did not think DOD would have any great difficulty with this if we felt such a procedure was desirable. I told him that I would be raising this with the Director and would let him know.

I reviewed with Harrick existing procedures and plans for dealing with the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and Chairman Donald Fraser's (D., Minn.) Subcommittee on International Organizations, House International Relations Committee.

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