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I received a call this morning from HPSO's Jim Bush. He was aware that I talked yesterday afternoon with HAC staff about today's hearing, and wondered if I was successful in eliciting any questions.

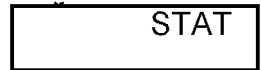
I told him that I had gotten an indication of questions in about 10 issue areas, and that I did not detect any particular programmatic problems. He volunteered that he had talked to Murphy earlier in the day on the 7th, and had come away with the same impression. He said that when he spoke to Murphy that the HAC staff had not yet begun to write their questions, and that he felt they were all tied up in IRA matters.

Bush said that he did not think that there were any "blindsiders" coming, but that there could always be something in the weeds. He



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Bush asked for an indication, after the fact, as to how the hearing went. (This, and his call, are a bit unusual.)



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