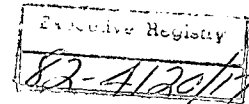


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Reply to Chairman Benjamin Rosenthal (D., NY) Re His
Memorandum to Subcommittee Members Regarding Agency
Documents on OPEC Investments

1. As you are aware, Chairman Rosenthal has sent the Agency, for your comment, a memorandum he provided his Subcommittee Members proposing a Subcommittee vote on the question of taking the issue of declassification of Agency documents to the House Floor. We informed his staff that certain portions of the memo (attached as Tab A) contained SECRET material. We advised the staff that the material should not be distributed to Members' offices unless the SECRET material is deleted. The staff indicated they would discuss this with the Chairman.

2. The staff informed us that the Subcommittee will vote later this month. The Chairman's draft resolution is at Tab B.

3. We have discussed this matter with Mike O'Neil, Chief Counsel of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). While HPSCI did not wish to intervene during our earlier exchanges with Chairman Rosenthal, if the matter is referred to the Full House, they will then definitely take a strong interest. O'Neil indicated they would seek and probably get jurisdiction on a resolution. O'Neil's opinion at this point is that HPSCI would assert its jurisdiction and sit on such a resolution.

4. Since Chairman Rosenthal asked for Agency comment on the memorandum to his Subcommittee Members, I recommend you sign the proposed response which is attached at left.

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5. Of course, we will advise the White House, keep HPSCI advised, and continue to monitor this situation very closely.

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Director, Office of External Affairs

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