

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Treasury

SUBJECT: Review of Classification/Declassification  
Decisions on Documents Congressman Rosenthal  
Has Requested for Public Use

1. Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Chairman of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs, informed me last September of his intent to make public use of seventeen classified CIA documents in preparing a Subcommittee report on OPEC investment. I advised him that no public use could be made of classified information, but that I would initiate interagency declassification review of the documents as an accommodation to the Subcommittee. Officials of your Departments participated in this review with members of my staff, and I furnished the results of the review to Chairman Rosenthal last week.

2. The Chairman has expressed the belief that many portions of the seventeen documents which clearly should have been declassified remain classified. To assure the propriety of our classification decisions, I have established a group of my senior officers to reconsider those portions of the documents whose classification the Chairman questions. Please designate one senior representative of your Department to be a member of this group, and have that representative contact my Deputy Director for Intelligence Robert Gates at

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3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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