

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

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 that he intended to use seventeen classified CIA documents in preparing a Subcommittee public report. I advised him that no public use of classified information could be made, but I agreed to conduct an interagency declassification review of the documents for the Subcommittee. CIA, State, Treasury, NSA, and NSC reviewed the documents, which contain Treasury and CIA information. I forwarded the sanitized and declassified documents which resulted from that process to Chairman Rosenthal last week.

2. Chairman Rosenthal has expressed the belief that information in these documents remains classified which ~~should have been declassified. To assure that we have not retained classification on information that should have been~~ released for the Chairman's public use, I am directing a review at a senior level of the classification/declassification decisions which were made with respect to those portions of the documents which Chairman Rosenthal believes improperly remain classified.

3. You should establish immediately an ad hoc group of Senior Intelligence Service members from the appropriate components in your Directorates to review the portions of the documents the Chairman has questioned. The senior Directorate of Intelligence member will chair the group. I expect the group to complete its work by 15 February.

4. Should the group find it necessary to communicate with the Subcommittee or its staff in the course of completing its task, the usual channels of liaison through the Legislative Liaison Division of the Office of External Affairs will be employed.

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