

23 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 23 April 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. [redacted]

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Lapham reported on two items, noting that both are of minor importance at the moment: He described Department of Justice efforts to dispose as quickly as possible of lawsuits/claims filed as a result of "letter openings" of years ago. He also reported on wiretapping legislation and, relatedly, urged the Director to accept a likely invitation to a lunch on 17 May which will include principals involved. This prompted the Director, noting that he would be seeing Ben Civiletti (DoJ) this evening, to ask if he should press for release of details on the Paisley case. [redacted] advised that, unless timing was of particular importance, it might be better to wait until a few remaining loose ends are finalized by [redacted]-should be soon. The Director also stated his urged to respond to a number of SSCI Staffer Epstein's related questions. [redacted]

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The Director commented favorably on Ambassador Malcolm Toon's (Moscow) suggestions for improving political reporting.

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The DCI noted that for his meetings on SALT this week, he had adjusted and updated his outline and matrix--would like Bowie to review and advise. Relatedly, Bowie advised that the DCI should find out as soon as possible what the Administration's official position (statement) will be. The DCI agreed and noted the importance of his need to let the White House know early of any differences or difficulties the DCI might have relative to an established position by the White House. (Action: D/NFAC)

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The DCI reported that today's Cabinet meeting hit on several items, none of which were of major importance. He noted, however, that the President has called for an NSC meeting this week on the situation in Rhodesia. And, he noted, particularly to Jim Taylor, that we should not lobby with the Congress in a way that would result in adding to the President's budget.

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The DCI said that his most important activity for this week centers on SALT, particularly in working out a dovetailing of statements with State, ACDA, and Defense and on clarification of terminology.

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The DCI concluded the meeting by noting that we will be receiving an above average number of foreign visitors during the week.

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