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OLL 84-1307
28 March 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with SSCI Staffers Re Proposed Legislation Dealing with "Equivalence and Reciprocity" on Diplomatic Representation

1. On 28 March 1984 a meeting was held in SH230 dealing with the "equivalence and reciprocity" on diplomatic representation. The meeting was called by John Elliff, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) designee of Senator Huddleston, and Eric Newsom, SSCI designee of Senator Leahy. The Senators are going to propose legislative language on this subject to be added to the Intelligence Authorization Act, which will be marked up on 5 April by the Budget Subcommittee, since this is the last vehicle this session to which this proposal can be attached. Attendees at the meeting included Messrs. Sturges and Moran of the FBI; Mark Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Europe, and others from the Department of State; [redacted] of the Community Counterintelligence Staff; and [redacted] Chief, DO/Counterintelligence Staff of CIA.

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2. Copies of the proposed legislation were disseminated at the meeting. Elliff and Newsom explained why the Senators felt this legislation was necessary. Palmer said though State agrees with the objectives of the legislation he did take exception with the process being used which robs them of the opportunity to think the topic through and he resented the implication that nothing was being done in this area. He said that while members of the Intelligence Community might have had

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the opportunity to present their views on this topic in hearings, the Department of State had never had that opportunity and he felt that the Committee has not been exposed to other arguments. He said he would be willing to brief the Senators individually and collectively but made the point he wanted all to hear State's position. Palmer made the point that just yesterday the President had made it clear that he felt very strongly that we should try to start a new relationship with the Soviets. This proposal is not a step in that direction.

3. Some of State's specific concerns by section were:

(a) equal numbers since in some countries we have more personnel;

(b) singling out the Soviet Union;

(d) Palmer said he had not checked it with others but he thought the Director's position should be continued and the incumbent was doing a good job.

3. Sturges said he would like to see the issue raised and brought out in the open and he supported the described plan, but he understood that other agencies did have problems with the proposal. Personally he thought this legislation was a step in the right direction. [] commented that the DCI could support the proposal substantively and probably would not feel strongly one way or the other about having it in the Authorization Act in the absence of an Administration position. The issue for the DCI is whether there will be an Administration position.

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4. The outcome of the meeting is that Elliff and Newsom would disseminate the draft to the Committee, indicating that other views were pending. State has been given a deadline of Monday to respond but other comments would be appreciated by Friday. It will be made clear to the Committee that at some point in the process State would be called to testify.

5. After the meeting, [] said he felt at this point it was more a legislative and foreign policy issue. Copies of the proposed legislation were given to Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison and Chief/OLL/Legislative Division.

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6. Later in the afternoon John Elliff called with two changes that had been made as a result of the meeting. He asked for a contact that would be able to speak for the DCI since the process would have to move quickly to meet the deadline. Deputy Director, OLL and C/OLL/Leg selected [redacted] and his name was provided to John Elliff.

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D/ICS-84-0781/1
27 February 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI
VIA: DDCI
SUBJECT: 1983 Assessment and Recommendations

Forwarded for your review and approval is a status report on the 1983 national hostile intelligence threat assessment and recommendations thereto. We suggest you schedule a SIG-I meeting to address the recommendations.

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Chief, CCIS/ICS

Attachments:
a/s

CONCUR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date

APPROVED: Director of Central Intelligence

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