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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Jim Bush (HPSCI) on 8 May 1981

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1. I called Jim Bush to discuss the HPSCI cut in external analysis in their 1982 budget mark-up. Jim said that the rationale of the cut was similar to that used in cutting the [Redacted] in 1981. They had supported increased NFAC personnel and did not feel an increase in both internal personnel and external research was warranted. The specific 1982 cut reduced external analysis from [Redacted]. They supported the add of over [Redacted] people for NFAC. Further, external analysis increased substantially from 1981 to 1982. Jim said that even with the [Redacted] cut, we had a 12 percent increase. I indicated that external analysis was very important to us, and we would appeal strongly to the Conference. [Redacted]

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2. I asked whether any particular member was behind the cut and if there was any further information. Jim said that Mr. Robinson was a leader in reducing external analysis and that further he felt that since our effort was heavily military and GDIP spent [Redacted] in this area, we could reduce our effort. I gave Jim the counter arguments detailing a need for independent CIA analysis and the fact that we needed aerospace expertise to answer questions within our purview. [Redacted]

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