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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

FROM: Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

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The Continuing Resolution (CR) passed the House last night by one vote. There is no change from the language contained in the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee's report. Staff contacts have already begun with the Defense Subcommittee in the Senate, but no formal conference can convene until the Senate passes its version of the CR. Staff betting is that a short-term CR will have to be issued, but they expect a final CR to be passed by 10 October. Most staff now think no lame duck session is in the cards.

Regarding the authorization bills, staffs on both the House and Senate sides are polling their Members regarding various staff proposals. HPSCI expects the final cut will be ready by Monday and that the close agreement between the two committees will preclude the need for a formal conference. HPSCI expects the final report will be filed by mid-week. As you know, you signed a views letter to Durenberger and Hamilton on Friday.

The home-to-work transportation legislation remains open. Our hold on the legislation remains effective for the time being, as do the holds put on by other agencies. Further, our concerns have been addressed by Section 8 language contained in the current version of the legislation. That current version does not, however, protect other agencies, and we have quietly made them aware of it. The White House continues to push as do various Congressional supporters. It is thus possible that it will be put on the CR, other holds notwithstanding.

We have been working with the FBI, SSCI, HPSCI, Capitol Hill Police and the Sergeants at Arms to improve technical security in sensitive hearing areas on Capitol Hill. We succeeded in getting the Senate to put \$250,000 in FY 87 Senate funds into a unit to cover the Dirksen and Hart buildings and to assign a full-time person to monitor and analyze the system. In principal, the House has agreed to a similar system pending the outcome of a comprehensive security review. They want to incorporate both physical and technical security requirements into one budget item. Currently the House has no technical countermeasures protection other than in a few selected rooms in the Capitol. We will keep pushing.

The House passed the Tax Reform bill which contains a provision that repeals the 3 year recovery rule for federal annuitants. There is some effort to remedy this repeal by separate legislation, but the outlook for that is questionable.

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MEMO FOR: D/OCA

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SUBJECT : Ground Rules for Dealing with Comptroller Contacts
on the Hill

We have recently had several instances where the Comptroller has set up meetings between Agency personnel and Congressional staff or Members without our knowledge. It seems that this would be a good time to set out some ground rules as the DDs and ADDs assume (properly, I think) that we are the monitor of all contacts with the Hill. When something goes wrong, it should be our problem--but it can't be when we don't even know a session has been set up.

We need to establish the following:

All contacts between Agency officers and Congress must be listed on the OCA calendar. The only exception would be meetings between the Comptroller (and his staff) and the budget officers of the oversight committees. If any non-Comptroller personnel is involved, the meeting should be listed.

A representative of OCA must attend any meeting involving Agency personnel and a Member of Congress, unless specifically excluded by the D/OCA, the DDCI, or the DCI. OCA attendance is expected at all presentations before the oversight committees. Requests that come in via the Comptroller, should be referred to D/OCA for joint handling.

The Comptroller's office should set up and control all meetings with Congressional staff on budget issues. A representative of OCA may attend and should be notified when the meeting is listed on the OCA calendar. A representative of OCA must attend when the meeting concerns any aspect of a Presidential Finding, including reprogrammings and transfers of funds. Questions for the record flowing from budget hearings should be handled by the Comptroller, with a drop copy provided to D/OCA. OCA officers will normally prepare Memoranda for the Record of all sessions they attend unless they are purely budget sessions or attends, in which case that representative will prepare the MFR and furnish a copy to OCA.

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