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NOTE FOR: DDCI-designate
FROM: Dave Gries
SUBJECT: Confirmation Hearings

I talked to several SSCI staffers today about the hearing and once again detected no hint of opposition.

Gary Chase gave me the attached. Gary is also preparing a list of questions based on submissions from the entire staff and will provide me a copy of same. Very few questions are coming in, but he expects some on [redacted] on the [redacted] and on your view of covert action as a policy tool.

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He invited me to contribute some "softball" questions, but I declined--it wouldn't do to have members find out that you are asking yourself questions.

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Dave Gries

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Attachment

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GATES NOMINATION HEARING

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.
2. READ THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT.
3. INSERT FOR INCLUSION AT AN APPROPRIATE PART OF THE RECORD THE BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED WITH THE COMMITTEE BY THE NOMINEE PURSUANT TO COMMITTEE RULE 5.6.
4. INSERT FOR INCLUSION AT AN APPROPRIATE PART OF THE RECORD A REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS.
5. NOTE THAT THE FBI BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION OF THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.
6. INSERT INTO THE RECORD ANY LETTERS THAT MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN SUPPORT (OR IN OPPOSITION TO) THE NOMINEE.
7. ASK IF OTHER MEMBERS (STARTING WITH THE VICE CHAIRMAN) HAVE ANY PRELIMINARY REMARKS.
8. CALL UPON SENATOR WARNER (AND TRIBLE IF HE IS THERE TOO) TO INTRODUCE THE NOMINEE.
9. SWEAR IN THE NOMINEE: ASK HIM TO STAND AND RAISE HIS RIGHT HAND: "Do you, Robert M. Gates solemnly swear that the testimony and the answers to questions that you are about to give will be truthful?"
10. NOMINEE READS HIS PREPARED TESTIMONY.
11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.
12. IF DESIRED: -- ASK IF MEMBERS WANT A CLOSED SESSION.
-- IF REACTION IS NEGATIVE, PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:
-- ASK FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO WAIVE COMMITTEE RULE 5.5, WHICH PREVENTS A VOTE ON CONFIRMATION SOONER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER TRANSCRIPTS OF THE HEARING ARE AVAILABLE.

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-- HAVE THE CLERK CALL THE ROLL ON THE QUESTION: SHALL THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT M. GATES TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BE CONFIRMED?

NOTE: VOTES MAY BE CAST BY PROXY, BUT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE (8 MEMBERS) MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT DURING THE ROLL CALL.