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NOTE FOR: The Acting Director

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SUBJECT: Talking Points for Your Meeting with Senators Boren and Cohen

You are scheduled to meet with Senators Boren and Cohen on 21 May at 9:00 a.m. in SHOB-219. Suggested agenda items are:

Written Notifications to SSCI: We reviewed with Sven Holmes on 18 May the four written notifications sent thus far to SSCI under the new process of following up telephonic notifications with written memoranda. Holmes said the next step in refining this process will be to standardize the form of the memoranda, decide when notification will be triggered and what subjects require notification. Although SSCI appears intent on approaching this sensitive subject in a cooperative fashion, there is little doubt we are in for some hard bargaining over what subjects (collection? counterintelligence?) would be covered.

Public Testimony of DO Officers: This issue still has not been wholly resolved. The House Iran Contra Committee has sent us a letter stating that, while they recognize the Agency's general objections to public testimony by CS officers, they want to know how these concerns apply specifically to Joe Fernandez; the Committee maintains each case should be judged individually. A response is being drafted. Robert Owen's many references to Fernandez during the Iran Contra hearings make it much more difficult for us to make a case against Fernandez testifying.

GAO Audit Issue: Senator Glenn's draft bill on this subject will be available for our inspection and comment on 20 or 21 May, when it will also be shown to SSCI. If SSCI can convince Glenn of the viability of the planned SSCI in-house audit capability, Glenn may not press for the legislation. SSCI may also want to consider asserting sequential referral. Senator DeConcini appears to be coming around to the Committee position.

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