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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OCA/SSCI Weekly Meeting - 28 March

The weekly meeting was held from 1600 to 1640 hours and covered issues related to the closed session of the Senate, Senators Kerry and Pell's requests, [redacted] a public statement about the DCI hearing on security and counterintelligence and stafdel travel. Sven Holmes, Dave Holliday, Keith Hall, Jim Dykstra, and Britt Snider attended from the Committee staff. OCA officers included John Helgerson, [redacted]

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A. Closed session of the Senate. It will be held on Tuesday, 29 March, at 0900 hours in the old Senate chamber.

B. Kerry-Pell request for Contra information. D/OCA suggested that he meet with Sven Holmes on Tuesday, 29 March, after the DCI testimony to review the material which had been pulled together by Headquarters. Holmes accepted the suggestion.

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E. DCI testimony on security and counterintelligence.

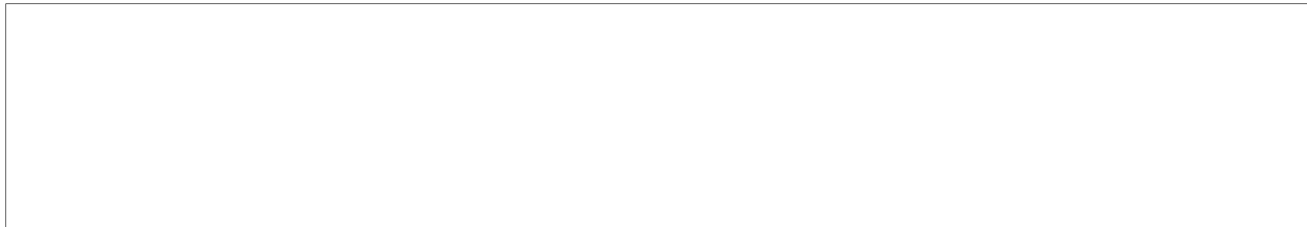
Holmes raised the proposal that there be a public statement, possibly by CIA, in connection with the DCI's testimony before the SSCI on 29 March. He stated that such a public acknowledgement about progress on security issues would allow the Committee leadership to add reassurances about the DCI's effort. Dykstra argued that this initiative should be taken to offset State Department claims that there were no serious security problems. Holmes mentioned that Committee rules might prevent the Chairman and Vice Chairman from making any public statement unless the Agency first raised the issue. He speculated about the possibility of the Agency declassifying a portion of the DCI testimony. D/OCA pointed out problems with the suggestion, including the DCI's reservations about public statements in connection with closed hearings, the sensitivity of Agency relations with the State Department on security matters, the danger of setting a precedence, and similar points. In the end, it was agreed that OCA would review the draft statement provided by the SSCI and might propose its own version.

F. Senator Specter on terrorism. D/OCA raised the

issue of Agency informal briefings being converted into official hearings without advance notice. Holmes agreed to inform the SSCI staff about the Agency's concern and to ensure that similar problems be avoided in the future.

G. Statutory IG. There have been no developments but

the SSCI, particularly Britt Snider, was not assured that the amendment would not surface again unexpectedly.



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I. Stafdel to the Mideast. Jim Dykstra provided a

copy of the itinerary for his travel to the Middle East with Congressional staffers -- not SSCI.



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