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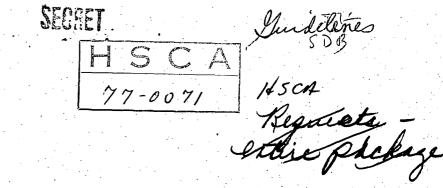
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SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Requests for Witnesses on Operational Substance -- Issues Raised

- 1. The Senate Select Committee has not yet actually scheduled DDO staffers who are now on active duty, but a specific request has been made to talk with James Kelly of EA Division regarding the assassination plot against Chou en Lai. The SSC has also expressed interest in several DDO staffers, including Robert Owen and Nestor Sanchez of LA Division, Arnold Silver, currently a Career Associate, and Bronson Tweedy, who is on short-term contract in Headquarters. We have been able to hold off actual scheduling of substantive operational conversations pending a resolution on how to handle covert action material. FR Division is standing by to appear for a non-operational briefing covering organization, mission, etc.
- 2. Attached hereto is a Senate Select Committee document entitled "Outline for Inquiry Procedures" which represents the Committee's own ground rules.
- 3. According to this attachment, witnesses or interviewees will fall into two categories:
 - a. Those discussing information on the structure and functions of CIA plus substantive work, including the legal basis of DDO activity and the approval process; the capacities of CIA and its responsibility to provide information for other government entities. In this category, a CIA representative may be present at the interview.
 - b. Those who will be asked questions regarding CIA or Executive Branch abuses or other controversial, specific matters where improprieties may have occurred. In this category, a CIA representative may not be present unless an exception is negotiated.

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