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SUBJECT: Summary of the Meeting with William Miller, Staff
Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence,
re Foreign Liaison

1. During the meeting today with Bill Miller with Messrs. Knoche, Wells, Waller and Cary in attendance, Miller tried to elaborate on the interest and concern of the Committee which prompted Chairman Daniel Inouye's letter of 11 November with regard to activities of foreign intelligence organizations in the United States with whom we have liaison contacts. Miller touched on what he referred to as "parity in operations" --implicit understandings or at least results in parity between our intelligence operations and those of foreign governments.

2. The question of the quid pro quo, that is, an understanding with a foreign intelligence service that the U.S. would be permitted to conduct intelligence operations within the country if they were given comparable opportunities in the U.S.

3. The question of support of foreign governments and what this might entail -- in this connection Miller mentioned Senator Gary Hart's (D., Colo.) interest and concern in the overall impact of the (IBEX)²⁴ program (in Iran.) Relationships with (SAVAK, DINA)²⁴ etc., were touched on in this context and with respect to the latter organization, Miller expressed concern about the possible long-range consequences of our (that is, the U.S.) providing early training for foreign intelligence officers who may subsequently wind up in operations against the U.S. or activities in the U.S. In this connection, Miller said he would be interested in what Mr. Knoche referred to as the constraints on our training of these individuals.

4. In the areas of penetration of foreign intelligence services, the question arose as to why if we can penetrate a foreign intelligence service, we can't learn what that foreign service has in mind as far as plans for activities within the U.S. are concerned. Mr. Wells pointed

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out that we had never targeted against American sections of foreign intelligence services on the basis that their activities within the U.S. were not within our overall charter. Miller said the Committee would be interested in some discussion about possible future capabilities in this regard. It was agreed that Mr. Wells, with the assistance of the IG, would prepare a rough outline or paper on a presentation which would originally be given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman which we would review with Miller before any meetings with even the leadership or the Committee are scheduled. Once that has been run by Miller it could then be fleshed out to the leadership and ultimately to the Committee.

5. As Miller was leaving, I told him I would be meeting with Richard Sprague, Acting Director, House Select Committee on Assassinations, this afternoon. I told him while I was not prying into the Committee's business, I was hopeful that the Assassinations Committee would be in touch with the Select Committee. I said we were particularly concerned about establishing firm security procedures with the Assassinations Committee. Miller said they had been contacted by the Assassinations Committee for access to their records and Miller had indicated to them that they would be willing to provide access to their records so long as the Assassinations Committee agreed to abide by the disclosure provisions of S. Res. 400. To date the Assassinations Committee has not responded to that offer.

6. I also mentioned to Miller that the Office of Security was issuing new Agency badges and tightening up on Headquarters security procedures and since we are having a number of congressional staff people from various committees coming into the building, we propose to modify the badging procedures previously used with the Select Committee staffers to the extent that we would like to have prior notification from staff personnel of their visits to Headquarters before badges are issued. Miller said this would pose no problems for them.

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