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22. (Confidential - DFM) LIAISON Talked with Catherine Essoyan, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, but we were unable to agree for a time for next week for a briefing of the Committee on LA Division anti-terrorism activities. As an alternative, I suggested Monday, 20 March, in the afternoon and Essoyan agreed to poll the Committee staff to see if this was an acceptable date.

23. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Stan Taylor, Catherine Essoyan, Keith Raffel, Abram Shulsky and Angelo Codevilla, all of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, met with NFAC personnel, Dave Milbank, Ed Mickolus, and Pat Taylor, on finished intelligence reporting on terrorism.

24. (Confidential - DFM) LIAISON Accompanied Mike Epstein, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to a meeting with John Waller, IG, and Chuck Briggs, OIG, regarding the allegations of Charles Sirgusa, former BNDD official, of Agency assassination plots. Epstein cited his uneasiness and that of Bill Miller, Committee Staff Director, over the response by a former Agency employee to Sirgusa's allegations and initially requested that the Agency again look into the Executive Action program. Mr. Waller stated he was willing to do this but was not convinced of the relevancy of an inquiry into a 17 year old program. After lengthy discussions, Epstein agreed to give the Agency a paper on why the Committee thought this matter was still relevant and Mr. Waller, on receipt, agreed to have a paper prepared on the background on the former Agency employee in question. Epstein indicated the Committee would then bear the bulk of the work by interviewing Sirgusa and the former employee under oath.

25. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Stan Taylor, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, met with Gary Goodrich, OWI regarding Soviet ability to detect U.S. nuclear submarines. Taylor may ask for a briefing of this matter for Senator Jake Garn (R., Utah).

26. (Unclassified - GMC) LIAISON Received a call from Molly Williamson, Research Director, House Select Committee on Population. Williamson said that the meeting this morning by the NFAC/NIO for Political Economy Hans Heymann and Committee Chairman James Scheuer (D., N. Y.) had been extremely successful. She thought that Heymann had made precisely the right impression.

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10. (Confidential - DFM) BRIEFING Accompanied the Director, John McMahon, DDO, Don Purcell, C/CAS/DDO, Jim Taylor, Comptroller, Lyle Miller, Acting Legislative Counsel, and Edward Sherman, Office of Legislative Counsel, to a briefing of the full Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the FY 1979 covert action budget. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

11. (Secret - DFM) LIAISON Met with David Bushong, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and informed him that Agency records revealed no information linking General Omar Torrijos, of Panama, and Fidel Castro on narcotics trafficking.

12. (Confidential - DFM) BRIEFING Called Catherine Essoyan, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and tentatively set 7 March, 10:30 a.m., for a briefing of the Committee team working on the problem of international terrorism, with LA Division representatives on that Division's activities in the terrorist field. Stan Taylor, Keith Raffel, Abe Shulsky, Angelo Codevilla, all of the Committee staff, and Ms. Essoyan can be expected to participate.

✓ 13. (Confidential - DFM) LIAISON Met with Mike Epstein, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and discussed scheduled meetings for tomorrow. Epstein asked to review documents in preparation for his meeting with former Agency employee George Constantinides at 11:00 a.m. He will meet with John Waller, IG, regarding the allegations of Charles Siragusa, former BNDD official who claims to have knowledge of Agency assassination attempts, and then wants to meet with a DDO official on Agency responsibilities regarding foreign liaison service activities. Epstein said the latter meeting is in preparation for a meeting Bill Miller, Staff Director, has requested on the same subject for next week.

14. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Delivered to Jean Christoff, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, new binders for the Committee's set of CIA regulations. Christoff agreed to send the old binders back by Agency courier.

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30. (Secret - PLC) LIAISON Elliott Brown, staff of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, called to alert me to the article by Jack Anderson on illicit drug trafficking in Ecuador in today's Washington Post. He said the article may focus broad congressional attention to the problem. Brown will get back to me to arrange the meeting with Chairman Lester Wolff (D., N. Y.) to discuss the Agency's field report on the subject which Chairman Wolff had requested earlier.

✓ 31. (Secret - PLC) LIAISON Bill Ashbaugh, OGC, called seeking guidance to respond to a call received from an investigator with the Office of Security operating under DOD credentials. The individual entered on duty with the Agency in October 1974 and had been a police officer with the Memphis City Police Department, during which time he was an eye-witness to the Dr. Martin Luther King assassination. A staff member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations had contacted the individual through DOD and was to interview him in the Committee offices within the hour. I told Ashbaugh that Gary Cornwell, Deputy Staff Chief of the Committee, was in my office and I would discuss the matter with Cornwell and call him back. I explained to Cornwell that the individual is actually an Agency employee and came on board in 1974. Cornwell agreed that the interviewer need not be aware of the Agency connection and I explained that we would instruct the individual to respond fully to the questions asked by the staffer, but to stay strictly within his Defense cover. Cornwell fully agreed and said no notation will be made in the Committee files on his present CIA connection. Ashbaugh was notified and I requested that he instruct the individual to maintain his cover during the interview.

32. (Unclassified - PLC) LIAISON Peter Regis, House Judiciary Committee staff, called and asked that a meeting be arranged sometime next week for him to go over the notes he made from his review of CIA documents on alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S. which we have been holding due to their classification. He will call me to set up a definite time.

33. (Unclassified - GMC) LIAISON Took a call from Beverly Lumpkin, staff of the House International Relations Subcommittee on International Organizations, regarding the sending of a courier to pick up a narrative summary of material which the Subcommittee would like to have reviewed for public release under procedures established in the Memorandum of Understanding. A courier was arranged and picked up the summary.

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