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48. (Confidential - DFM) BRIEFING Briefed Bill Miller, Staff Director, and Earl Eisenhower, Minority Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, on the 8 November 1977 Presidential finding. Miller asked why this problem could not be handled overtly. I attempted to explain this to him but he indicated he was certain the subject would be raised by the full Committee when the Director briefs them on the program.

I told Miller the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct had some problems in funding the trip of Jocko Richardson, former Chief of Station, to Washington to be interviewed by that Committee as well as the Senate Select Committee. I asked Miller if the Select Committee could do this in a secure manner. Miller said he thought they could and there would be no problem in the Committee paying the expenses. I told him I would check again and let him know if this was necessary.

Miller said he had talked to Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii) about the classified FOIA affidavits which Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) has requested. Miller said the Chairman's position was that we were not denying Senator Abourezk information, and had suggested a reasonable means for him to examine the material, i.e., in the Select Committee offices. In Senator's Inouye's view, there is no reason for us to try to be any more accommodating.

I told Miller that General Camm, Director of the National Intelligence Tasking Center, would like to meet with Select Committee staffers sometime during the week of 28 November and that we would like to include staff members of both the Subcommittee on Budget and Authorization and the Subcommittee on Collection, Production and Quality. Miller agreed and said that he would set this up and let me know.

Regarding the scheduled briefing on Czechoslovak dissidents, Miller said Select Committee participants would be himself, Earl Eisenhower and Ed Levine.

49. (Unclassified - DFM) LIAISON Met with Mike Epstein, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to advise him that Gary Cornwell, House Select Committee on Assassinations staff, wants to review materials given the Church Committee on the Kennedy assassination. Epstein was already aware of this and said Cornwell was expected that afternoon to review the transcript of the Church Committee interview with an FBI official who was in Dallas at the time of the assassination.

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