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SUBJECT: HPSCI Hearings on Defector Citizenship

1. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) has informally advised this office that HPSCI's Subcommittee on Legislation plans to hold hearings (closed) on defector citizenship. The hearing date is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 25, 1985. We expect that a letter of invitation from Representative Beilenson, Chairman of the Subcommittee, to the Director will be issued shortly.

2. Tentatively invited to testify, in addition to the Agency, are the Department of Justice and Representatives Romano Mazzoli and Daniel Lungren, Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, respectively, of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration. That Subcommittee has jurisdiction over changes in the law governing naturalization.

3. The purpose of the hearing will be threefold. First, it will give the Subcommittee Members (most of whom are new to HPSCI) a brief overview of defectors, their role in intelligence gathering, and why their contribution merits special consideration. Second, the hearing will serve to explain why these individuals merit in particular the expedited granting of citizenship. Third, the hearing obviously will build support for and defuse opposition to defector citizenship legislation. At this point the hearing will not focus on any specific legislative proposal (i.e. the Stump Bill, the Agency/ Administration proposal, or the version included by the Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence in its version of the Intelligence Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 1986).

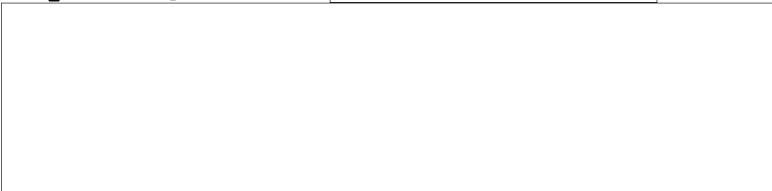
4. Scheduling of the hearing is a positive development which will allow the Agency to make its case in support of the legislation. The record the Agency is able to make will hopefully permit favorable action to be taken on the proposal by HPSCI: at the very least, an agreement not to oppose inclusion by the SSCI of the provision in the conference version of the Intelligence Authorization Bill. HPSCI support also will be of assistance in removing the present opposition to the proposal by the House Judiciary Committee.

5. HPSCI staff has informally suggested that the Agency's principal witness be the Deputy Director for Operations, supported by the [redacted]

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[redacted] While we believe that this is a good suggestion, we invite your comments on who should appear for the Agency at the June 25th hearing. In the interim, we are preparing a first draft of testimony and a series of likely questions and suggested answers. When the draft testimony and questions and answers are completed, we will circulate them for comment. Please feel free, however, at this stage to forward any comments or suggestions that you might have [redacted]

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