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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY  
FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*  
SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Intelligence

Jack Marsh asked that I inform you directly of a matter concerning the House Select Committee on Intelligence which arose this morning.

Shortly after 10:00 a.m. this morning and while the Committee recessed for a vote on the House floor, Paul Ahern, legislative aide to Rep. McClory approached me and stated that he understood from Rep. McClory's conversation with the President during the Chicago trip that the question of junior level officers testifying before the Committee was settled and McClory was prepared to so inform the Committee.

Upon further questioning of Ahern, he stated that McClory discussed with the President the problem which arose in the Committee on September 30th to the effect that State Dept. junior level officers could not testify as to misrepresentations made by senior officers on information, intelligence or recommendations supplied by junior or mid-level officers because of the State Dept.'s order prohibiting such testimony before the Committee.

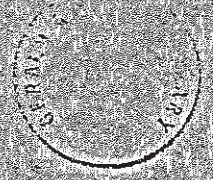
I requested Ahern to tell McClory not to inform the Committee until he had a chance to discuss this matter with Jack Marsh to be certain that we were all certain of the facts. Ahern agreed to try and stop McClory but indicated he doubted if McClory would accept anything less than his conversation with the President on this matter.

Before Ahern could talk to Rep. McClory on resumption of the Committee meeting, McClory was recognized by the Chairman and McClory informed the Committee that the President had assured him that junior and mid-level officers from the State Dept. could testify before the Committee and to refute any misrepresentation made to the Committee by senior officials.

cc: Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

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