SUBJECT: House Approp-Com Survey Staff Visit to

McLUCAS: SIGNATURE

KULPA: SIGNATURE

COORDINATION

ACTION

INFORMATION

COMMENTS:

Please [redacted] this [redacted] done
NOTE FOR GEN KULPA

Inside is a rundown of [redacted] and my session with the House Appropriations people who NSA had set up to visit [redacted]. After we questioned the reason for the visit, NSA deleted that part of the itinerary. It seems that NSA must have told the visitors that NRO objected which prompted Preston's call. NSA had cast us in a bad light so the 12 September session was useful and we pose no objections to the visit.

BUD COYLE
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Appropriations Committee Survey Staff

Recently NSA invited three members of the House Appropriations Survey Staff to visit the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). NSA subsequently informed us of this. When we inquired as to the purpose of the visit, NSA informed us that they had deleted the visit to the April

Late last week Ralph Preston, the Staff Chief of the House Armed Services Committee called to find out why we were holding up approval for the visit and expressed personal interest in this problem.

As a result, we invited the three travelers to stop by Mr. Preston's office to discuss the stopover. The three gentlemen, Messrs. Michalski, Wood, and Schmidt, met with Mr. Preston and me on September 12. NSA had cleared the men S/TK and we learned that the primary purpose of the visit was to survey the cryptologic field stations. Apparently NSA threw in the stopover as a gratuity gesture. Mr. Preston and I explained the NRO/NSA interface and the NRO function at

in a very straightforward manner. The visitors expressed some surprise to learn of our interface as they had not received data of that kind in briefings given by NSA. The gentlemen desire to observe the nature of the operation at the NRO and plan to spend less than a day at the NRO. We believe that the visit will be benign insofar as the House Appropriations Committee process is concerned and believe that the exchange of information on the 12th was fruitful. A question is raised, however, as to the latitude that NSA appears to be taking so far as our "joint" operations are concerned.

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