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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

1. Discussed with the Director the position to take regarding the visa section. The Director's understanding was that Mr. Lovett's informal concurrence was to the complete language of the section. He will talk with Mr. Lovett further on the basis that we would be happy to accept the Secretary of State as a concurring party in the section if the concurrence were made by the Secretary alone. But he will not accept it if the concurrence is to be made by a designee of the Secretary, particularly in the Visa Division, as this will defeat the purpose of the section.

2. Mr. Fisher Howe informed me today that his thinking was to concur completely in the bill as it presently stands, and to recommend same accordingly unless some other section of the Department had a compelling reason to dissent. He requested that the Director not see Mr. Lovett at this time, and he assured me that he would not release a letter to the Bureau of the Budget of a non-concurring nature without first informing me, providing he had my assurance that the Director would not talk with Mr. Lovett at this time. I stated that I would recommend to the Director that he not go to see Mr. Lovett, but that I could make no assurances as to any ultimate happening should the two of them meet informally at a meeting.

3. In regard to the request of the Office of the Counselor of the Department for additional copies of CIA legislation, Mr. Howe requested that they be furnished 6 copies direct.

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