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Subject: HPSCI "Discovery" of the Army's Intelligence Support Activity (ISA)

1. I have been told by DIA and ACSI that HPSCI is very upset with the Army for trying to prevent Congressional oversight of ISA. HPSCI claims to have learned about ISA from the public and other indiscretions of "Bo" Gritz who identified ISA as his point of contact within the Army. HPSCI has summoned Army intelligence to appear on 12 Feb to explain what ISA is all about and why the Subcommittee was never officially briefed on its establishment, mission, funding, management arrangements, etc. The Gritz affair has left HPSCI staff members with the impression that ISA has also failed to obtain appropriate approvals for its activities, such as supporting the Gritz POW collection operation in Southeast Asia without telling DIA or us until several months after the fact.

2. As you will recall, Ed Thompson advised us in March 1981 that ISA had been created. We agreed to his request for a direct liaison channel between us and ISA. Subsequently, we have coordinated and supported several ISA operations including the abortive effort to obtain a [redacted]. The Agency has also provided training and technical support to ISA. It is hard to believe that HPSCI was not informed or aware of ISA until the recent Boston Globe article on Gritz. After all, ISA personnel briefed HPSCI and the SSCI on the [redacted].

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3. It is conceivable that the Army will tell HPSCI that ISA was established with the approval of the Agency. The fact is that the Agency does not become involved in the organizational aspects of intelligence arrangements within the military. Our charter stops at insisting that clandestine collection and foreign liaison (by whatever intelligence element of the military) be coordinated in accordance with the E.O. and other authorities.

4. DIA and ACSI cautioned me again to be on the alert for attempts by ISA and ISA contacts on the operations staff of the Army to obtain Agency support or intelligence coordination through their liaison with [redacted]. I assured them that [redacted] has taken initiatives to prevent this and to keep PCS informed.

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