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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: H.R. 1152, 83rd Congress, 1st Session

1. Reference is made to the bill, H.R. 1152, 83rd Congress, 1st Session, "For the Relief of William F. Friedman," concerning which I have previously expressed my views at the request of your Department.
2. Mr. Friedman has now requested me to forward "through channels" a letter which he has written to the Honorable Chauncey W. Reed, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, setting forth arguments in support of the full amount of the award sought in H.R. 1152. Mr. Friedman's letter is classified as "CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION" which I believe to be the proper classification. I also believe that the statement in paragraph 8a(1)(b) of Mr. Friedman's letter is accurate according to the best available information. However, I have not undertaken in any way to examine the validity of Mr. Friedman's arguments.
3. I have considered carefully the question of forwarding Mr. Friedman's letter to the House Committee on the Judiciary and believe that there are two aspects to the problem which involve important matters of policy, namely: (1) the desirability of releasing classified information to Congress in support of a private bill, and (2) whether the release of this information would require the prior security clearance and indoctrination of the Congressmen concerned.
4. Since Mr. Friedman's letter contains information involving both Communications Intelligence and Communications Security, the special rules involving those branches of intelligence apply. In view of the limitations established by higher authority, I doubt that the Department of Defense or any of its Agencies could properly resolve the above question.
5. In view of the fact that the Department of the Army is the action agency for the Department of Defense on H.R. 1152, I am submitting Mr. Friedman's letter to you and would appreciate your advising me whether you would have any objection to its transmission to Congressman Reed if proper authority for release could be obtained.

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Incl:
Mr. Friedman's ltr w/Incls thereto
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