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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

I talked over today with Mr. Murphy the situation with regard to the pending McCarran and Walter bills. It may be some little time before the Senate passes the McCarran bill, and then, of course, there will have to be a conference.

Ordinarily, we would not ask the Departments for formal opinions on the legislation until after the conference report, but in view of the complicated nature of the subject matter of this legislation, it seems advisable to get in some opinions well in advance. We already have the views of the Budget staff, and the opinion of an outside attorney. We do not have official opinions from the Department of Justice and the Department of State.

In both these Departments there are groups which are strongly in favor of this legislation, and these groups should have an opportunity to make their case well in advance of the final action so that it may be well supported on its merits.

Such an invitation to submit views will also serve to alleviate the kind of sniping we are getting from McCarran.

Mr. Murphy suggested, therefore, and I agreed, that as soon as the Senate has acted, we should invite views on the McCarran bill from the Department of Justice and the Department of State.

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