

MEMORANDUM FOR REPUBLICAN MEMBERS

FROM: Staff

DATE: January 21, 1992

SUBJECT: October Surprise -- The Ubiquitous Spencer Oliver

We've been told repeatedly that Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Fascell does not want his Chief Counsel, Spencer Oliver, to participate in the "October Surprise" probe. Yet, we continue to get reports that he's as active as ever. For example, the GAO, in Congressional testimony late last year, indicated he attended an October Surprise meeting with Senator Terry Sanford. And just last weekend, the WASHINGTON TIMES (see attachment) reported that a federal judge granted "a congressional request" for clemency for a South African arms dealer serving a sentence for violating the Arms Export Control Act. The arms dealer, Dirk Stoffberg, was released from prison after the judge reportedly received a letter from Oliver claiming that Stoffberg was cooperating with the Foreign Affairs Committee on the October Surprise matter.

Attachment