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TO: Senator
FROM: ADC
RE: Curran Vote Tomorrow (TUES)

As of Monday afternoon the Curran nomination is still on the agenda for the committee meeting tomorrow.

However, the first item on the agenda, Drug Export Reform, is far from resolved and there is a good possibility that Senator Metzenbaum will have close to 20 amendments to it. Hatch is keenly interested in getting this legislation through but it looks a real maze.

On checking with Joe Lopes, it seems that the situation is volatile enough to still have the entire mark-up postponed yet again.

Should we reach a Curran vote tomorrow, the line-up appears unchanged with all Democrats opposing and Stafford probably voting with us. Rumors today have Weicker going for Curran. In order to reach a tie then we must have Stafford vote "NO". There are 9 republicans and 7 democrats.

I must urge you again to speak to Stafford and establish for sure that he will vote with you. Your last conversation with him concerned his call to the White House and a plea to have the name withdrawn. But I do not know exactly what he will do when asked to vote - though the indications have been positive.