

Congressional contacts

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Norman Paul Memo for DCI, 10 May 1956, Subj: Intelligence Testimony
Before Congressional Com mittees

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OCD Control Policy Memorandum No. 13, 28 Apr 1948, Subj: OCD Contacts
with the Congress of the United States

spells out rules governing contacts w/ Cong

as an attachment is included Administrative Instruction No. 10-6,
4 Feb 1948, re release of material to Cong

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Report on Congressional Personnel Cases, 29 Nov 1949

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1st 11 mo of 1949</u>
total referrals	390	648
involving no. of senators	64	68
no. of representatives	125	177
applicants hired	24	33, with 90 still pending

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Pforzheimer Memo for DDI, 22 Sept 1955, Subj: Controlling Inaccurate Statements about the Situation in the Soviet Bloc

inadvisable to have DCI brief a jt. session of several cong. comms on the Sov. picture. "While CIA provides the facts to the policy makers of the Govt, it is up to the latter to determine which of several policies they might follow on the basis of these facts. If all these facts were made available to various comms of Cong, many of the indiv. members would start quarrelling w/ the policy of the Executive Branch in particular situations, when the members felt that other policies more in keeping w/ their indiv. predilections should ahve been followed. While this type of argument goes on at the present time, most Congressman [sic] do not have intell. briefing material as a basis for their arguments. Furthermore, in as wide a briefing as would be involved here, it is questionable whether the DCI could brief on an all-source basis including A Energy info. I believe that a partial briefing is probably worse than none at all. Most Congressional briefings on Sov matters include some policy views and should be given by the appropriate depts to the appropriate comms, rather than by the DCI."

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2 Sept 1953 -- Gen. Cabell informed me he has offered to brief Sen. McCarthy prior to his trip to the Far East. WLP says he would like to be present thruout the briefing, at which pt Cabell listed 2 reasons why he would oppose me being present:

- 1) a gen. feeling that in matters of this kind it would be inadvisable always to be accompanied by a lawyer
- 2) it would give an opportunity to explain our policy of compartmentalization

I pointed out to the Gen. that the only thing it would succeed in doing would be seriously to weaken the hand of his legislative man. Cabell stated that he did not wish to do that, and suggested that I either take him up to meet McCarthy at time of the briefing or bring the Sen. in and introduce him and then leave. I replied that I would prefer not to appear in the picture in any respect rather than make the introduction and leave.

Cabell appeared surprised at my position, and we did not discuss it further.

[McCarthy postponed trip, so briefing never held]

probs in coordinating Agency contacts w/ Cong.
WLP's unhappiness

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16 Sept 1953 -- DCI apparently made an oral promise to a
congressman re visiting some [redacted] 25X1
WLP eventually found out abt it and had to scurry to alert
[redacted] In parenthesis, he then observed: "(This 25X1
is a good ex. of what happens when Legislative Counsel is
not present at Congressional meetsins involving CIA offi-
cials)."

23 June 1950 - DCI appears before House For. Aff. Comm.
Re ~~the~~ MOAP

16 March 1950

[immediately after McCarthy publicly attacks CIA--I don't know if this is pertinent or not]

George Harvey, chief clerk, House Appro Comm, told me that there would be no hearing for CIA before the Comm. INFORMED OF this fact, DCI asked me to arrange a hearing anyway.

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Pforzheimer's thoughts on what it takes to be a good legis. liaison.
should the legis. liaison play a heavy social role?
should " " " engage in substantive discussions?

the role of staffers

see pp. 40-43 for these matters

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mid-Jan. 1966--arrangements have been made to give selected members of Sen Aeronautical and Space Sciences Comm on Soviet space programs--no stenographic transcript made.

it is anticipated that the 2 for. aff. comms will again ask for world situation briefings. "Consideration of these requests will be given in consultation w/ the Dept of State and other agencies as well as w/ the White House."

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"as in the past," CIA briefings of subcomms will be conducted w/out stenographic transcripts and under controlled security conditions. A technical security sweep is made of the Comm. hearing room in advance of each hearing and security monitoring is conducted during the hearing to determine if electronic devices might be in operation in the vicinity.

thus far the House ArmSer subcomm only one of the 4 to include info regarding Agency briefings in its annual report. In 1965, the Comm. report included topical statements on areas covered by CIA in its briefings. We would like the other subcomms to include similar info in their annual reports.

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in addition to briefings given the 4 subcomms, CIA provides briefings to other comms having a legitimate need for specific intell. info in order to fulfill their legislative responsibilities.

CIA customarily provides substantive intell. briefings on mil. programs of USSR, to 1) full ArmServ Comms of House and Senate; 2) Defense Subcomm of House Appro. These briefings provided in conjunction w/ DOD posture hearings.

For 1st time, in 1965 special security info was revealed to these comms, w/ the prior approval of the 3 comm. chairmen and the Pres.--included photos from overhead reconnaissance--this received w/ enthusiasm by the comms.

periodic briefings also to Jt. Comm. on Atomic Energy, covering detailed intell on the atomic energy and missile progs of all for. govts, and including info at the highest security levels.

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we have agreed to assist the Jt. Economic Comm by providing professional studies on a no. of aspects of the Sov. eco. This material will be included in the Comm's published survey but will not be attributed to the CIA.

contacts will be maintained w/ Sen. Internal Security Subcomm and the HUAC. Both these comms interested in publishing unclassified info provided by defectors and refugees "on the nature of the Communist conspiracy and the threat it poses to the free world."

liaison w/ House and Sen Post Office and Civil Service Comms to ensure that Agency interests are protected re personnel and salaries.

close contact w/ Sen. Long's Subacomm. on Constitutional Rights and w/ Repr. Moss' Subcomm of Government Information, in effort to preclude disclosure of info detrimental to CIA.

will provide Sen. Henry Jackson's Subcomm on National Security and International Operations w/ material on Sov pol. considerations which might effect the Sov nuclear testing program. This is a continuation of a long-standing arrangement

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which began w/ the provision of substantial studies on the
Sov and Chinese policy machinery.
These studies have been publ. under the imprimatur of the
subcomm, altho written by CIA.

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The Agency made a concerted effort to maintain frequent contact w/ members of Cong who were favorably disposed toward CIA. It also sought to cultivate new contacts, esp. w/ new members who would some day assume senior roles in Cong. Individ. members and groups were invited to breakfast, lunch, or other sessions w/ the DCI and other senior Agency officials. Staff members and informal groups such as the SOS Club, the ACORNS, the Wednesday Club were also invited.

"It has been our experience that members who are adequately informed concerning our activities and mission are usually well-disposed toward the Agency. In addition, this direct contact w/ senior CIA officers causes these members to formulate an appreciation of the professionalisms of our people. They have a better understanding of the probs which the Agency encounters and frequently offer to provide assistance and support whenever possible."
