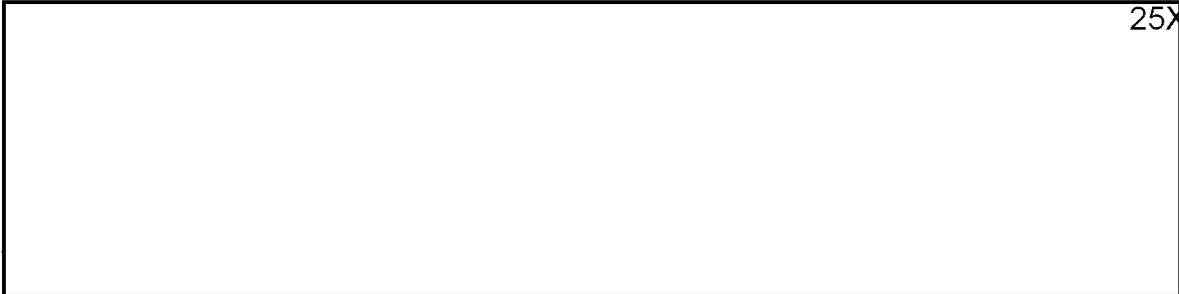


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2. Appearances Before Congressional Committees. An important policy issue was raised recently when the Director was invited to appear before the European Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, ostensibly for the purpose of briefing them on the situation in Eastern Europe. The Director informed the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mrs. Edna Kelly, that such an appearance would establish a precedent, and that for that reason the matter would have to be referred to the National Security Council. The Director explained his relationship with small select subcommittees of Appropriations and Armed Services Committees, and indicated that he only appeared before other Congressional committees under the most exceptional circumstances. The one exception to the rule was a long standing agreement that the Director of Central Intelligence would keep the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy regularly briefed on nuclear developments within the USSR.

CIA position re Kelly's request

It was pointed out that the Department of State, which has full access to intelligence information, was the logical agency to brief the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees, although the Director would be willing to personally brief appropriate members of Congress on matters in which they had a special interest. This matter was referred to the highest level, where the previous policy was confirmed. Mrs. Kelly and Chairman Gordon of the House Foreign Affairs Committee were so informed, and the Director did not appear.

3. Congressional Jurisdiction Over CIA. The House Government Operations Committee has given to its International Operations Subcommittee, chaired by Porter Hardy, jurisdiction over CIA. The extent to which this assignment will affect future Agency relationships with the Congress is not clear, although it is conceded that the Government Operations Committees have an extremely broad charter and there is nothing to preclude them from taking an interest in CIA matters affecting

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administration or the expenditure of funds. Chairman Hardy of the Subcommittee was invited to lunch by the Director on Tuesday, 26 March, and the attached memorandum of the meeting may be of some interest.

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