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The Director continued his briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations. The entire session went very well and members seemed interested and, in fact, quite a number of them congratulated the DCI on his balanced presentation and the demonstrative quality in their opinion of the performance of CIA over the years. Again, the briefing was well attended, all members being present except Albert Thomas. In particular, Mahon and Sheppard were obviously assisting the DCI by attempting to build a record for the Agency. Mr. Sikes, who had exploded in the floor of the House a few days ago against CIA, seemed impressed and he had a series of well thought out questions which were penetrating. He seemed well satisfied with the answers, however. Present for the Agency on both days were the DCI, Amery, [redacted] and Warner. In addition to the members of the Subcommittee, the following members of the staff were present: Samuel Crosby, Earl Silsby, Frank P. Sanders, Aubrey A. Gennells, and Paul Wilson. There was a transcript taken but only two copies will be made; one to be retained by the Agency and one by the Committee. We will make appropriate corrections and one deletion which was agreed to by the chairman.

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Mr. Emmens Brown called to advise that the Department of State had received a number of congressional inquiries concerning Fulton Lewis' attacks on RFE. Mr. Brown said he would make copies of the replies available to this Office.

Mr. Houston talked with Representative Van Zandt and received some information concerning a possible trip by Whittaker Chambers to Paris. This matter will be checked out with SO and CI and Van Zandt has requested that he be informed of the results.

Mr. Houston sat as an observer, together with Col. Glen Smith of OSI, during the presentation by AEC to the Joint Committee for Atomic Energy with respect to proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Law.

  
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