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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee



1. The CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services was briefed by the Director for approximately two hours beginning at 10 A.M. on 30 July. Members of the Committee present were:

- Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), Chairman
- Overton Brooks (D., La.) Leslie C. Arends (R., Ill.)
- Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.) Walter Norblad (R., Ore.)

Mr. Robert Smart, Chief Clerk, was also present.

Accompanying the Director from the Agency were:

- General Cabell
- Howard Stoertz
- John S. Warner

2. The Chairman requested information on our budget. He was furnished an over-all figure with some discussion of the proportion divided between vouchered and unvouchered funds. A check is to be made, and Mr. Smart will be briefed on current figures as to total budget and reserve.

3. At the request of the Chairman, the Director then discussed the status of our building utilizing the briefing paper dated 27 June 1958. The Chairman was particularly interested in the amount of the architect's fees in view of his apparent involvement with the New House Office Building which is to be constructed. This information is to be supplied.

4. The Director then briefed the Committee on the general Government Training Bill, Public Law 85-507, and the fact that it repeals Section 4 of Public Law 110. The Director expressed concern that this occurred without notification to the Agency and expressed an Agency desire for a procedure whereby legislative matters affecting the Agency would be considered by the Subcommittees of the Armed Services Committees of the

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two houses. The Chairman indicated that he thought this was appropriate and stated that he would look into the matter. (Mr. Smart requested Mr. Warner to provide appropriate materials on this subject.)

5. The Director next briefed the Subcommittee on the nature of the current Iraq Government, outlining the underlying conditions in the area leading up to the recent coup. The Middle East area was discussed very thoroughly including the degree of Communist penetration and infiltration in the area.

6. The DCI then briefed the Subcommittee on the spring series of Soviet nuclear tests, the Soviet missile efforts and their heavy bomber program. The Chairman raised the question of what is being done by the Soviets in the field in controlling weather, citing reports of melting ice packs in the Arctic. The DCI indicated that a basic report was being prepared on the subject to include discussion of where responsibility lay in this field in the United States Government.

7. Mr. Norblad cited an example of an intelligence officer in the Sixth Fleet who last fall, in response to a question by Norblad, stated that he got most of his intelligence from the UP ticker. (Subsequently, it was determined appropriate to invite Mr. Norblad to the Agency to give him a briefing on the procedures and methods of intelligence dissemination. Mr. Warner will make necessary arrangements.)



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