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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Discussion with Senator Margaret Chase Smith
(R., Maine)**

1. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Legislative Council met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith for approximately a half hour on Friday, 7 March. The DCI indicated that he had been disturbed by certain of the Senator's comments reflecting on the Agency and, therefore, he wished to assure her that any information she desired would be furnished her.
2. The Director explained the relations of the Agency with the various Congressional committees and listed the membership of the four (4) CIA subcommittees. The Senator exhibited some surprise at these four subcommittees and stated that she did not know they existed. She did indicate that three or four years previously she had suggested to Senator Russell that a three-man committee be appointed for the same purpose.
3. Senator Smith asked a number of questions about the intelligence services of the various agencies and whether or not there was overlapping and duplication. The Director explained the coordinating function of the Agency and the IAC structure here at headquarters. In addition, he went into the field arrangements and the country teams functioning under the Ambassador in each of the various countries. The Senator agreed that the Ambassador must be knowledgeable of all activities within the country for which he is responsible.



4. Senator Smith queried the screening process utilized for Agency personnel. The Director explained in general terms the procedures adding that he thought it was an excellent system. Senator Smith made several references to the problems associated with a large organization and a large budget such as the Agency's but did not inquire as to exact figures on either personnel or budget.

5. Senator Smith stated that she was very pleased to have had the opportunity to talk with the Director but that she wished to talk further about this matter with Senator Saltonstall. Upon leaving, the Director assured Senator Smith that any time she felt she needed certain information about the Agency we would be happy to supply it.

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