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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Testimony Before the Senate Disarmament  
Subcommittee - 20 March 1958

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. The Senate Disarmament Subcommittee convened for a three-hour session to continue the testimony relating to U. S. capabilities to detect Soviet nuclear explosions. Present for the Agency were: Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., [redacted] and John S. Warner. [redacted]

The Senators present were: Hubert M. Humphrey (Chairman), John J. Sparkman, John O. Pastore, and Stuart Symington. Staff members present included Miss Goetz and Mrs. Collier of the Subcommittee and Carl Marcy of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Observers present were: Captain Morse of the Atomic Energy Commission and Donald R. Morris of the State Department.

3. [redacted] finished his portion of the briefing and Dr. Scoville then presented the CIA statement. All of the Senators seemed extremely interested in the information being presented and in the intelligence estimate of Soviet intentions concerning the risks connected with a clandestine nuclear explosion during a moratorium. Senator Symington specifically stated he would, in the near future, like to delve into some details with Dr. Scoville. Senator Humphrey expressed his pleasure at the frank and candid presentation. Senator Humphrey also requested that a careful screening be made of the transcript with a view to releasing a censored version. We made no

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specific comment on this although we previously had informed the Staff Director of the Subcommittee that it was very unlikely that we could clear any part of the transcript. We shall subsequently inform the Chairman that it is not feasible to attempt to delete the classified material since there would be no continuity in the transcript.

4. As a matter of interest Senator Humphrey spoke at considerable length concerning his deep conviction that there will be a summit conference this year and that the Soviets would sign some type of moratorium on nuclear tests.

5. I believe the hearing went very well and certainly the Senators did not push any of the witnesses into political areas. There were references by the Senators to previous statements from such individuals as AEC Commissioners Murray and Libby, General Albert Starbird of AEC and Harold Stassen, but these did not cause any difficulties.

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