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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is my memorandum for the record of the request of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for a briefing on the Communist Party activities in Latin America. As noted, I talked with Bob Smart on the staff of the House Armed Services Committee and he stated that it was completely appropriate that the Agency participate.

SIGNED

John S. Warner  
Legislative Counsel

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Request for Agency Briefing by House Foreign Affairs  
Committee - Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs**

1. Mr. Roy J. Bullock on the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs called to inquire if the Agency could have witnesses available for the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs to discuss Communist penetration of Latin America. He indicated that all of the members of the full Committee would be invited. He stated the hearings would be executive session and the transcript would be handled as we desired. The time tentatively set was 10:30 on Tuesday, June 10.

2. The DCI stated that we would comply with the request and at my suggestion that Frank Wisner, J. C. King and Rudy Gomez make the presentation, the Director indicated that while probably this was all right, he would talk with Mr. Wisner further. The Director requested that I check this out with Bob Smart, Chief Counsel for the House Armed Services Committee, to determine if the matter should be taken up with Chairman Vinson.

3. Upon discussing this matter with Mr. Smart he thought that there was no question but that the Agency should comply with the request. Mr. Smart stated further that he did not need to take this up with Chairman Vinson.

4. Mr. Bullock was subsequently informed that the Agency could assist on this matter. In line with Mr. Wisner's suggestion it was mentioned that participation by State Department representatives would probably be helpful to the Committee. Mr. Bullock stated that probably questions would be raised about the role of intelligence with respect to the recent incidents in Latin America involving the Vice President. Mr. Bullock was

requested to furnish the Agency with an appropriate letter from the Chairman indicating the precise nature and scope of briefing desired.

5. In discussing this matter with Mr. Edward Clark in the office of Congressional Relations of the Department of State he indicated that Mr. Rubottom would be present on this subject from the Department of State and that Henry Hoyt was preparing the necessary material.

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cc: DCI

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