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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Discussions with Senator Symington**

*Review of correspondence with Senator Symington  
re: intelligence failure*

Reviewed correspondence in Mr. Wisner's files relating to his discussions with Senator Symington shortly after the demonstrations in South America against the Vice President. Mr. Wisner, at the request of the Director after certain statements had been made by Senators relating to intelligence failure, visited with Senator Symington and briefed him generally on the situation. Senator Symington recommended that the Director call Senator Russell with a view to offering to brief the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee for CIA about the situation. (This recommendation was followed and a briefing occurred.) Senator Symington further stated that he would talk with Senator Morse who had made one of the charges of intelligence failure. Symington knows Morse very well and advised later that he had talked to Morse indicating that Morse should not make charges of this nature without determining the facts first. Subsequently, Morse was present at the time the DCI briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the South American demonstrations.

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