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1. In connection with the request of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Director have a CIA representative brief that Committee on the Iraq situation, the Director telephoned Senator Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.) who indicated that probably the Director had no choice but to go ahead. The Director further stated that under the circumstances, if the House Foreign Affairs Committee called him, he probably would have to brief them also.
2. Major James Riley (code 181, x3033) called to say that the Army Industrial Security Office had received a request from Boeing Aircraft for a clearance on [redacted] Riley had talked with General C. C. Fenn, Colonel Folda and the Army Inspector General's office and wished to discuss the matter with the Agency. IO and Security will meet with Legislative Counsel to determine appropriate action.
3. Mr. Gauvreau reported that Mr. John W. Flatley of GSA had seen the staffs of the House Government Operations and the Senate Government Operations Committees on the proposed negotiated sale of two transmitters to AMCOMLIB. There is some indication that the Agency was expected to be available for questioning by the full Senate Committee, chaired by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), on 29 July. After Gauvreau indicated to Flatley, at my request, that no Agency representative would be present, a call was placed to Walter Reynolds, the Chief Clerk. Reynolds felt that some action was appropriate to explain the security factors, and I suggested that a direct call to Senator Humphrey might be helpful. Reynolds heartily agreed and this is being attempted.
4. The DIC briefed the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy for approximately two hours. Reporters and photographers were standing outside the door both before and after the briefing. Many pictures were taken and questions asked, however, the Director declined to comment other than to state that he had furnished the Committee with a periodic report. (See Memorandum for the Record for more details.)

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