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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. As a summary of Congressional comment on the Middle East situation during the two-week period since the Iraqi revolt of July 14, it is interesting to note the general coverage and climate of Congressional opinion in which CIA has once more been publicly involved. At least 34 Senators and 33 Representatives, out of the entire Congressional membership of 531 members, have commented publicly about U.S. interests in Iraq, Lebanon, and the Middle East generally. All 67 of these men spoke, either on or off the floors of Congress, on one issue or another affecting U.S. policy toward Iraq and the Middle East. Their comments have ranged in substance and tone from pro-Administration to anti-Administration, with varying degrees of support, criticism, skepticism, and hostility.

3. Of these 67 critics, it is interesting to note, in balance, that less than half of them (28) have singled out the Iraqi "surprise" issue for comment. Only 16 Senators and 12 Representatives have publicly commented on CIA or U.S. intelligence, or on the implication that a question of intelligence performance was involved. Most of these comments have been unfavorable, in greater or less degree, to U.S. intelligence, although some of them have been more balanced if not neutral (e.g., Senators Sparkman, Aiken), while a few were positively commendatory of CIA or U.S. intelligence generally (Senator Clark, Representative Zelenko).

4. The sixteen Senators who have commented on U.S. "surprise" in Iraq are as follows. (They are listed in chronological order, in order to show the sequence in the development of Congressional opinion. Dates refer to the

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD's verbatim transcript of remarks, unless otherwise indicated to show a speech off the floor of the Senate, or to indicate a later newspaper comment on the original remarks.)

J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), July 14  
 July 16  
 July 17  
 July 21  
 July 22 (Committee resolution to question CIA)  
 UPI and AP dispatches, July 22  
 July 24  
 WASHINGTON POST, July 24

Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.), July 14

Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), July 14  
 July 16 (twice)  
 NEW YORK NEWS, July 15  
 CHICAGO TRIBUNE, July 15  
 WGN interview, July 16  
 July 25

Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), July 15 ("watch-dog committee" resolution)  
 NEW YORK TIMES, July 15  
 WASHINGTON POST, July 16

Theodore F. Green (R., R. I.), WASHINGTON STAR, July 14  
 WASHINGTON POST, July 15

Styles Bridges (R., N. H.), WGN interview, July 15

William E. Jenner (R., Ind.), July 15  
 WASHINGTON STAR, July 20

Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), July 16

Joseph S. Clark (D., Pa.), July 16

Ralph W. Yarborough (D., Tex.), July 18 (Mansfield resolution co-sponsor)

Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), NBS interview, July 20  
 July 24

R. Alexander Smith (R., N. J.), NEW YORK POST, July 20

William Langer (R., N. D.), July 22 (Langer resolution for "investigation")

Edward J. Thye (R., Minn.), July 22 (endorsing Nixon speech in Minnesota)

John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), July 22  
 WGN interview, July 21

George D. Aiken (R., Vt.), WASHINGTON POST, July 25

5. Similarly the twelve Representatives who have commented on "surprise" in Iraq are as follows, again in chronological order:

Clement J. Zablocki (D., Wis.), UPI dispatch, July 14

Ross Bass (D., Tenn.), July 15

Charles A. Vanik (D., Ohio), July 15

Abraham J. Malter (D., N. Y.), July 16  
 July 17  
 July 18 (twice)  
 July 22

Charles B. Brownson (R., Ind.), July 16 (committee resolution)

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Walter Verblad (D., Ore.), WASH interview, July 16  
 Aristotel S. Golden, Jr. (D., Ala.), July 17 (committee resolution)  
 July 18  
 James G. Fulton (R., Pa.), July 17 (committee resolution)  
 Burr P. Harrison (D., Va.), ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE, July 17  
 Albert Rains (D., Ala.), WASHINGTON STAR, July 20  
 J. Carleton Loser (D., Tenn.), July 21  
 Harbert Zelanko (D., N. Y.), July 21

6. It is also interesting to note that a number of Congressman who in the past have not hesitated to comment on U.S. intelligence have now, in the present situation, not spoken out on the intelligence-performance issue involving Iraq. The following men, in particular, have been silent, up to this moment, on this subject:

Sen. Wm. B. Caphart (R., Ind.)  
 Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.)  
 Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.)  
 Sen. Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.)  
 Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D., Tex.)  
 Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.)  
 Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.)  
 Sen. Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.)  
 Sen. Leverett P. Saltonstall (R., Mass.)  
 Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.)

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.)  
 Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D., Pa.)  
 Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.)  
 Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.)  
 Rep. George H. Mahon (D., Tex.)  
 Rep. Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.)  
 Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D., Wis.)

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