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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Relations with the Forthcoming 86th Congress

1. The Director met with General Cabell, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Colonel White, [redacted] and John Warner to discuss relations with the forthcoming Congress. Specific reference was made to the memorandum of 17 October 1958 to the DCI on this subject. 25X1
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2. In connection with briefing our subcommittees, it was agreed that a presentation should be prepared on the Agency, its operations and its accomplishments without reference to any time period. The Director mentioned that it should have "sex appeal." It was further agreed that a letter from the Director should be prepared to each of the four Chairmen of the subcommittees indicating his desire to have such a briefing as early as possible in the session, indicating some of the content of the proposed briefing. The matter would be discussed in an early stage with the staff representatives of the subcommittees.

3. The question was raised of noting the fact of subcommittee meetings and reporting to the full committee. The Director fully agreed to the fact of reporting meetings and stated he would take up with the Chairmen the question of a report to the full committee. Such a report was urged on the basis that it would tend to counter charges that no one in the Congress was reviewing Agency activities.

4. The Director indicated that he had spoken recently to General Goodpaster about briefing certain members of the Congress on AQUATONE and AUTOMAT. However, the Director stated he would have to raise the matter again with General Goodpaster and ultimately with the President.

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In the meantime, the presentation should be prepared in the event the opportunity presents itself. The Director indicated he might wish to conduct the briefing if it is to be done with the Chairmen and the senior interested members of each party represented on the subcommittees. He indicated any briefing would be an extracurricular activity and not a subcommittee appearance as such.

5. On the question of briefing periodically our subcommittees on world events, reference was made to the meeting at the White House where it was agreed that the Director would seek to see the Chairmen of our subcommittees looking toward a meeting with the leadership of both Houses. It had been tentatively agreed at the White House session that the Director would offer a full briefing but not offer intelligence documents, coupled with an offer to have a senior official available at any time the subcommittee wished further briefing. An alternative suggestion was made that we urge the four subcommittees to designate one member of their staff to whom we could furnish information in the event of some world crisis on which the subcommittee should have information. The Director will take these points up specifically when he meets with the Chairmen.

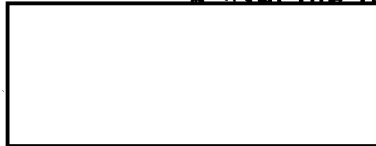
6. The question of an authorization for supplemental building was discussed and it was agreed that preparations would go forward to establish sufficient justifications to support the request for authorization if it seemed appropriate to present the matter.

7. There was discussion of what action to be taken in view of a possible resolution for a Joint Committee on Intelligence. In view of the strong position on this by the White House and the Bureau of the Budget, no specific action was decided upon except that the DCI would meet with Senator Mansfield at an appropriate time. In the meantime, Mr. Kirkpatrick was going to explore the matter through other sources looking toward the meeting with the DCI and Mansfield.

8. It was agreed that the Director should meet with Mr. McCormack, Senator Dirksen, Mr. Rayburn and Senator Goldwater. Luncheon was suggested in the case of Mr. McCormack and General Cabell wished to be included in the meeting with Mr. Rayburn. Mr. Kirkpatrick will attempt to arrange a luncheon meeting with Senator Engle. If the appointment of Gerald Ford is confirmed on the CIA Appropriations Subcommittee of the House, a luncheon meeting should be arranged with him.

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9. The Director requested that a letter to Bryce Harlow be prepared enclosing a list of our appearances before the Congress of last year. The letter would indicate that the Agency would attempt to conform with the pattern of last year's appearances and if further requests were made the Director would seek guidance from the White House. In addition, the letter would indicate that the Director proposes to meet with the Chairmen of the four subcommittees to discuss the briefing situation and also looking toward meeting with the leadership of the two Houses. 25X1



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This was reviewed with [redacted] who had two minor thoughts. In paragraph 2 he believed the DCI meant the letter to specifically state that the matter had been discussed with the staff. In paragraph 4 the DCI also stated he wished to discuss this matter with the Secretary of State. 25X1

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cc: DS/S 11/26/58

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