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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Kenneth Sprankle - House Appropriations Committee

1. In talking with Mr. Kenneth Sprankle about the proposed Agency briefing of the Appropriations Subcommittee concerning CIA activities and operations, Mr. Sprankle thought that this was an excellent idea to provide a background for the following Appropriations budget hearings. Mr. Sprankle gratuitously offered the comment that Mr. Cannon appeared at times to think that the Agency was hiding behind a cloak of secrecy and that Mr. Cannon was getting a little tired of it.

2. I mentioned the fact that Mr. Dulles desired to talk to Mr. Cannon about the question of a periodic briefing. Mr. Sprankle stated as his personal opinion that Mr. Cannon's suggestion of placing a man in the Agency was most inappropriate and he thought that the Agency should take a firm stand on this. Sprankle seemed to lean toward the idea of a weekly summary of some type. He was cool toward the idea of a frequent oral briefing on the grounds that the Committee members simply would not attend. However, Mr. Sprankle thought it might be very desirable for the Agency to take the initiative in briefing the Committee when specific events occurred.

3. The question of some type of a report by the Subcommittee to the full Committee was discussed. Mr. Sprankle was very firm in his belief that this was not feasible on the simple ground that there were members of the full Committee who simply could not keep executive session matters to themselves.

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