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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee**

1. In discussing with Mr. Darden the Agency proposal for a briefing on CIA activities, Mr. Darden indicated his view that this was very desirable and he thought the Chairman would readily agree to it. He also responded to the suggestion that this might be combined with the CIA Senate Appropriations Subcommittee in view of the fact that only two additional Senators would potentially be involved.
2. Mr. Darden was advised that the Director proposed to address a letter to Senator Russell on this subject. Mr. Darden also suggested that such a briefing should be accomplished very early in the session. In connection with the possibility of the Director meeting with Senator Russell, Mr. Darden suggested the week after Christmas as a desirable time and if not then, the week of 1 January prior to Congress convening.
3. Mr. Darden indicated that lack of official noting of Subcommittee meetings was a precedent established over the years and he saw no reason why the fact of meeting could not be recorded in the normal manner of other Subcommittees if the Agency desired it. He further indicated that Armed Services Subcommittees normally did not report to the full Committee except on specific bills.

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