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Hearing held before

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of the
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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United States Senate,
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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Meeting Jointly,
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The Committee on Armed Services, and the Subcommittee on
the Department of Defense of the Committee on Appropriations met
jointly, pursuant to notice, at 10:35 o'clock a.m., in Room
1222, New Senate Office Building.

Present: Senators Russell (presiding), Hayden, Ellender,
Hill, McClellan, Robertson, Stennis, Pastore, Jackson, Cannon,
Byrd of West Virginia, Young of Ohio, Inouye, McIntyre,
Brewster, Saltonstall, Young of North Dakota, Mundt, Smith,
Kuchel, Allott, Case and Thurmond.

Also present: Senator Lausche and Senator Hruska.

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy
Director of Central Intelligence; Mr. Ray S. Cline, Deputy
Director for Intelligence; Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director

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1 for Plans; Mr. Bruce C. Clarke, Jr., Office of Current
2 Intelligence; Mr. Carl E. Duckett, Office of Science and Tech-
3 nology; General Alva Fitch, Deputy Director, D.I.A.

4 Wm. H. Darden, Charles Kirbow, T. Edward Braswell, of
5 the Armed Services Staff.

6 Francis S. Hewitt, Wm. W. Woodruff, Maurice Pujol,
7 Elizabeth Brantley, of the Appropriations Committee Staff.

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1 Chairman Russell. The Committee will come to order.

2 The Committee on Armed Services and the Department of
3 Defense Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations have
4 been called to meeting together this morning to receive a presenta-
5 tion from the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. John McCone.
6 This meeting was not called as quoted in the press solely to
7 deal with the military situation in Vietnam. It grows out of a
8 conference I had with the Director of Intelligence a few days
9 ago, in which he told me that they had concluded an
10 intensive study of the capabilities of any potential enemy we
11 might have and I thought that it was well that we receive the
12 benefits of this study and have some approximation of the
13 progress being made by any potential enemies in defense before
14 we began our detailed hearing on the budget which has not yet
15 been transmitted to the Congress.

16 I think it would be well to review our budget against
17 the backdrop of the information we might receive as to the
18 military developments amongst potential enemy nations. I
19 intend we will proceed, as we did last year, if the Committee
20 is willing, to sit jointly to receive the fund authorizations for
21 research and development, and for the procurement of aircraft,
22 missiles and naval vessels. Of course, after we have heard that
23 testimony dealing with the authorization and appropriation the
24 Committee on Armed Services will act on the authorization and
25 the Department of Defense Subcommittee will continue hearings on

1 those appropriation items that do not require yearly authoriza-
2 tions.

3 A transcript will be made of this morning's hearings but I
4 wish to impress on the Committee and every member here that this
5 testimony ^{is} if of the very highest sensitivity, and the most secret
6 classification, and we will make no attempt to print even a
7 censored version of this particular hearing because after secur-
8 ity deletions of this hearing there will be very little left
9 to print and it would appear very fragmentary if it were
10 presented and I wish to earnestly beseech every member of this
11 Committee to observe the greatest circumspection and discretion
12 in making even references or commenting on the testimony that
13 is received this morning.

14 After Mr. McCone has completed his prepared presentation,
15 there will be a full opportunity for questioning by the mem-
16 bers of the Committee.

17 Mr. McCone, we are glad to have you here this morning,
18 and you may now proceed with your presentation.

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