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[redacted] After discussion with the Director called the office of Senator John Sherman Cooper in hopes of nailing down with the Senator the timing and ground rules for the briefing requested by Mr. William Miller, of his office. The Senator was in New York but Mr. Miller confirmed that the Senator would be back Thursday morning and that they would like the briefing at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, 17 October. [redacted]

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[redacted] In response to his request on behalf of Senator Russell I provided William Darden, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, with data and photographs of the Soviet helicopter carrier Moskva. Darden said this material more than filled his requirements and that he would return it to us after he had shown it to Senator Russell.

I advised Darden of the request we had received through Bill Miller for a briefing of Senator Cooper on the Warsaw Pact and Czech situation on Thursday. I told Darden that we were considering these requests very carefully and provided briefings only when it had been ascertained that the briefing had been requested by a Senator, although we felt that we could not exclude a staff member from the briefing if it was the Senator's desire to have him present. Darden appreciated our problem in this respect and seemed to feel that there was no other way to handle requests of this sort.

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