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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. It is noteworthy that no publicity whatsoever has appeared in the domestic press this morning, among the nine metropolitan papers read here, on yesterday's open hearings by the House Rules Committee on the "Joint Intelligence Committee" bills. Similarly, the press was almost entirely quiescent yesterday; only one item was seen--the SCHIFFS-EDWARD piece by Jim G. Lucas buried in the back pages (p. 18) of the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, 2 March 1961. (Clipping of latter item appears in today's press book.)

3. Only one press inquiry, furthermore, has been received at Colonel Grogan's office this week on this matter--a query from the NEW YORK TIMES (Ben Franklin) on 1 March, asking about CIA's general accountability to Congress. I told Mr. Franklin of the Intelligence subcommittees of the four standing committees of the two houses of Congress (Appropriations and Armed Services), and of the fact that the Director appears before other Congressional Committees, as well, on request.

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