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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. William Woodruff, Senate
Appropriations Committee Staff**

1. I met with Mr. William Woodruff today in an effort to obtain any information he might wish to pass on to us concerning the Thursday budget sessions with DIA and NSA and to receive any guidance or suggestions resulting from these sessions which might be of interest to us when we appear before our Appropriations Subcommittee. Mr. Woodruff said that the hearing with General Carter lasted approximately two hours and the hearing with General Carroll approximately one hour. He said he thought there were a number of things that came out of these sessions which would be of interest to us.

2. Mr. Woodruff began by saying that the recent debate on the McCarthy resolution caused the members of the CIA Subcommittee to focus considerable attention on the Appropriation Committee's responsibilities with regard to the intelligence community. He added that in retrospect he had been somewhat remiss in his staff capacity in not delving more deeply into some of the more peripheral areas of intelligence activities. He pointed out, however, that only recently had Senator Russell indicated a desire for him to assert himself more positively into these matters. We agreed that regardless of the reasons, this new emphasis on the part of the Subcommittee members on their responsibilities concerning the Agency was a healthy one. I told Mr. Woodruff that, as he knew, we welcomed a thorough budget review, feeling that it was in the best interests of both the Agency and the Subcommittee to have it better informed on the Agency's programs and activities. Mr. Woodruff said he was aware of this and commented that he had found it far easier to get information on appropriations matters from the Agency than from most other departments and agencies.

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