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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Breakfast Briefing of Freshmen Representatives -  
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1. The following items of interest and impressions were gained on the Capitol Hill end in facilitating outward-bound transportation of Members.

a. Representative W. C. Daniel (D., Va.) - was first to arrive at 0715. He has been elected president of the Democrat 91st Club and would like to emphasize some social activities for the Club. He is a golfer and last weekend was rained out at the Golden Horseshoe at Williamsburg.

b. Representative Mario Biaggi (D., N.Y.) - many Members appeared to have a very friendly feeling towards him and I learned that Mr. Daniel had nominated Biaggi for the 91st Club presidency.

c. Representative Edwin I. Koch (D., N.Y.) - seemed to have a fine sense of humor and jokingly told me that we had better not let his supporters know that he was going to a CIA briefing.

d. Representative Gus Yatron (D., Pa.) - had been at the same place a week ago, 28 January, because of an error in his schedule. He assumed all the responsibility for the error and seemed to be a very friendly and outgoing person.

2. Following the breakfast I rode back to the Hill with Biaggi and Representative William V. Chappell, Jr. (D., Fla). Both felt the meeting was worthwhile. Biaggi expressed his own personal interest in operational details but realizes that it is not a proper topic for such a briefing. I referred him to Allen Dulles' "The Craft of Intelligence" and intend to send him a copy. Biaggi was generally interested in whether Agency personnel were permitted to express their own views as had been suggested during the briefing. I told him I could not really make a comparison with other

Government agencies, but that I personally felt that new ideas and approaches were welcomed and encouraged and that this was generally true at all levels of the Agency, from the bottom to the top. I pointed out this was especially true in the analysis and production end, because, among a number of factors, the caliber of professionalism needed could not otherwise thrive and that continuous contacts with others outside the Agency through such mechanism as the Board of National Estimates worked against tendencies of inbreeding and rigidity. Biaggi said it was most important that an agency such as CIA foster initiative, creativity, etc.

3. Mr. Chappell was interested in the distinction between departmental and national intelligence, the arrangements for the Agency to receive intelligence from other elements of the Federal Government and the possible central control by the Agency of all intelligence resources in critical situations, such as the Cuban missile crisis. My general response to these questions was overtaken by Chappell's assertion that a high ranking military officer was responsible for verifying the existence of missiles in Cuba in 1962 before the U-2 as an accidental byproduct of an air scouting mission to assess "sport hunting areas" in Cuba.

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