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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Headquarters Visit of Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee

1. Chairman Nedzi spent a full day at Headquarters. In the course of a two hour session with Messrs. Tweedy and Parrott on the community, and the implementation of the President's 5 November 1971 directive, Mr. Nedzi expressed some puzzlement that many of the recent coordinating measures had not been adopted earlier; he sharply criticized DIA briefings for lack of candor and objectivity and expressed a high regard for briefings by the Agency; he raised the question of whether DIA was really necessary, and was assured that the Director couldn't do his job without the support of DIA, and that in some respects a certain amount of duplication was helpful (see D/IC Memo for Record for further details).

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2. After a private lunch with the Director,  NPIC, took the Chairman through the exhibit on the Cuban missile crisis which Mr. Nedzi found extremely interesting. When told that it was unclassified and that Agency dependents would be given an opportunity to see it during the next several Saturdays, he remarked that his family would find it very interesting and was invited to bring them. He said he would be in touch with us.

3. During a two hour session, Mr. Carver briefed Mr. Nedzi on the present situation and future prospects in Vietnam. (See Mr. Carver's Memo for Record.) In response to Mr. Nedzi's question, Mr. Carver said there had been no further developments in a sensitive case involving POWs on which Mr. Nedzi had been briefed some months ago.

4. Mr. Colby explained our periodic meetings with the Brookings Seminars.

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5. At Mr. Colby's invitation, Mr. Nedzi briefly sat in on Mr. Colby's monthly meeting of Comptrollers where Mr. Colby explained the system of financial management.

6. Next, Mr. Warner briefed Mr. Nedzi on the application of the Executive Order on classification to the Agency. Although he asked a number of questions, in conclusion Mr. Nedzi indicated he had no strong views on the subject and no criticism of the way the problem was being dealt with.

7. We then discussed the problem of legislation to provide greater protection for intelligence sources and methods. In the course of explaining the necessity for such legislation we brought Mr. Nedzi up-to-date on a sensitive security case involving a former Agency employee, which had been mentioned to him some weeks ago. Mr. Nedzi seemed to understand our problem regarding new legislation, and asked to be kept up-to-date. He said he would try to be helpful and thought he might be able to help us in dealing with Chairman Moorhead of the Government Information Subcommittee and Representative Rodino of the Judiciary Committee. He predicted we might encounter more difficulty in the Senate than in the House.

8. I reminded Mr. Nedzi of our problem with Representative Aspin's request to the Director for information regarding allegations of Agency involvement in the drug traffic. I showed Mr. Nedzi our investigative reports on the matter, both by the IG and OLC. He asked if he could have copies of these to study which I provided. He said that after reviewing these reports he might be willing to take the matter up with Aspin personally and "get us off the hook."

  
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