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25X1 15. [] In response to his call on Friday, I talked with Pete Murphy, on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee. I told him our people had obtained a copy of the DIA memorandum on the cost of Soviet vessels and it was the opinion of our folks that we really could add nothing to this. I explained some of the difficulties involved in making comparisons between U. S. and Soviet ship building costs, but indicated that we might be helpful in several related areas. I said we could indicate the areas where the characteristics of the Kresta II differed from the DD-963 and we could pull together some material on what it would cost to build a Kresta II boat in the United States. I said I doubted, however, that these were really responsive to the area which concerned Representative Sidney Yates (D., Ill.). Murphy thanked me for looking into this and said he would try to explain these problems to the Congressman.

25X1 16. [] After consulting the Director, I called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, to say the Director could be available to appear before the Defense Subcommittee on Wednesday, 2 August, or Thursday, 3 August, preferably morning only. Preston said that Representative William Minshall had been pushing for an "update" on the world situation prior to mark up of the Defense Appropriation bill. Preston thought an hour's presentation followed by questions for the rest of the morning would be quite adequate. He indicated Chairman Mahon was dubious about having the session at all and had not yet made a decision.

25X1 17. [] Talked to Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, who was interested in getting a briefing on recent developments, particularly the extent of the Soviet military evacuation in Egypt. I said all the details were not clear and we agreed that we would defer such a briefing until the end of the week.

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