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REPS. KELLY AND ST. GEORGE DISCUSS U.S. INTELLIGENCE

Congressional Closeup at 1:00 p.m. over KCBS-TV

Guests: Representative Katherine St. George, Republican, of New York; Edna F. Kelly, Democrat of New York.

Moderator: Stuart Novins.

THE TELEVISION SCREEN SHOWED
NOVINS AND HIS GUESTS SEATED IN THE
STUDIO.

NOVINS: "Well, Mrs. Kelly, let's take the whole subject of these alliances that we have, NATO and SEATO, and -- and the Baghdad Pact, which we're not really a member of but for all practical purposes are involved in. In the Middle East, for example, we have seen the situation in Iraq develop where a Communist -- supported government has now come into power in Iraq. King Hussein of Jordan is on his way to this country will be here this month, presumably to ask for more financial aid. We've been told that the United States has probably spent more money per capita in Jordan than in any other country in the world. And yet we have an artificial situation there. Is this something we can continue to do indefinitely? What is our policy? You're on the Foreign Affairs Committee -- what should we be doing in the Middle East? Why are caught short?"

KELLY: "Well, I'd hate to say we're cut short at this point, but I do feel that -- the -- that there has been a failure of intelligence both in the Middle East, the Far East, Latin America, on (SIC) many instances. That is why I have always hoped that we would have -- a -- a committee established in Congress where we could review and evaluate the intelligence that comes from these -- different sections of the world, so that we should have a better insight. Because at no -- in no country did we have -- supposed to be the friendly relations as we had in Iraq, and look at the situation today. And you can follow that up in all of the Middle East, the Far East and Latin America."

NOVINS: "You -- you feel we were caught by surprise there?"

KELLY: "I think definitely we were caught by surprise."

NOVINS: "And we were caught by surprise in Cuba, would you say?"

KELLY: "Yes, definitely."

NOVINS: "And in the Suez?"

KELLY: "In the Suez. You can go back to 1945, and I just am going to take this date because that was the date that the Kremlin sent the arms to the Middle East, and I think that was the beginning of the downfall of the present situation. I think Mrs. St. George will probably agree with me on that. I'm not blaming this on any -- the Administration or anything, but something has

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