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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations
Committee Staff, 20 June 1975

1. Had a talk with Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations
Committee staff [redacted] about work he is
doing in connection with the Murphy Commission report. Henderson
indicated that Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) recently asked
him to do some work for him in his capacity as a member of the
Murphy Commission. He is particularly concerned with a review of
the Rockefeller Commission report. We exchanged views on a number
of issues, including the recommendation with respect to opening up
the intelligence budget and the recommendation for a joint committee
on intelligence.

2. Perhaps it is worth noting here that a number of people
I have talked to on the Hill who are working on joint committee
legislation in some capacity are reluctant to see the proponents of
joint committee legislation taking on jurisdictional battles with the
Armed Services Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, the
Judiciary Committee, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on
the question of exclusive jurisdiction of a joint committee of departments
and agencies that are otherwise under the jurisdiction of those committees.
This is also consistent with Senator John C. Stennis' (D., Miss.) position
that he will not fight the establishment of a joint committee so long as the
legislative oversight of the Armed Services Committee is retained.
Further, it relates to remarks I have made that in my opinion, the
proposals sponsored by Senators Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) and
Charles Mathias (R., Md.) in the Senate and Representative Clément
Zablocki (D., Wis.) in the House, for a joint committee on national
security have more support than the straight proposals for a joint
committee on intelligence with exclusive jurisdiction over the intelligence
community.

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