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Chief, Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT : WRAL TV, Raleigh, North Carolina,
Editorial, 10-11 October 1974,
Purportedly Citing DCI's
Congressional Testimony re
Importance of Arab Oil to US

1. In response to Mr. Thuermer's query, your note of 26 October 1974 asked us: (a) whether the subject editorial accurately reflects the DCI's congressional testimony; and (b) whether there is an UNCLASSIFIED record of that testimony. The answer to both questions is no.

2. The subject editorial stated in part:

"Testifying last year at the height of the Arab-Israeli War, the head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency assured Congress that Arab oil accounted for only about 5 or 6 percent of what we used." (Tab A)

3. It is not possible to determine a particular DCI congressional appearance to which the subject editorial may be referring. The DCI testified numerous times before various congressional groups during October, and on most of these occasions the subject matter included Arab oil.

4. Mr. Colby's testimony of 17 October 1973 before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, however, certainly states accurately the substance of the CIA appraisal that he gave to congressional groups on different occasions during October 1973.

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