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# ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-153

Date 10 January 1963

TO : Deputy Director/Intelligence  
 INFO : General Counsel  
 SUBJECT : Briefing of the Joint Congressional Committee  
 REFERENCE: on Atomic Energy, 15 or 16 January 1963

1. The DCI has been asked to present a briefing to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on the 15th or 16th of January. He has indicated that he would like the briefing to take the following form:

a. He would like a discussion prepared which he will give.

b. He would then like a presentation by Dr. Whetton or Dr. [redacted] or a qualified senior officer on our estimate of the Soviet and Chinese Communist nuclear capabilities to include details on the former's weapon strength.

d. There should be a discussion of the Soviet nuclear submarine capability, and the DCI raises the question as to whether this should be given by CIA, or ONI, or both.

e. Obviously there should be included any other material on foreign nuclear developments that would be of interest to the Committee.

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2. The Director requests that his testimony from last year be reviewed in connection with the preparation of this material, and that this presentation be checked out with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of State. It is requested that the presentation be ready for the DCI's review by no later than noon on 14 January.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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