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The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey Chairman, Subcommittee on Disarmament Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

Subsequent to receipt of your letter of December 17, 1958 inviting representatives of this Agency to testify before the Subcommittee, discussions have been held with the Staff Director of the Subcommittee, Miss Betty Goets. It is now understood that the suggested time for Agency representatives to appear is 2:00 p. m. on Wednesday, 28 January 1959.

The various questions on which the Subcommittee desires information have been carefully reviewed and I believe we can be of assistance. Accordingly, I have requested Mr. John S. Warner, our Legislative Counsel, to confer with Miss Goets to advise the names of the specific individuals who will appear on behalf of the Agency on 28 January.

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15 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Request for Appearance Before the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament

- 1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such requested action is contained in paragraph 4.
- 2. Miss Betty Goets, Staff Director of the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee, and Legislative Counsel have had continuing discussions relating to a time which the Agency representatives would testify in executive session. As of now the time desired by the Subcommittee is 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 1959. The areas of their inquiry are set forth in the attachment to their letter inviting us to testify dated 17 December 1958. The questions to be directed to the Agency were discussed in some detail previously with members of the staff by representatives of the Agency.

3. The situation of	invitation from the Sub-	
committee is a matter of some co	ncern. Miss Goots had discussed with	
Senator Humphrey the original se	gestion that be a member	
of the CIA team. Apparently Sen	tor Humphrey strengly feels that the	
Agency is making a mistake in no	permitting to testify as a privi	ate
individual since he has published	book on many of the matters to be	
questioned by the Subcommittee is	quiry. I gather that Senator Humphrey	
believes that the Subcommittee m	mbers will not easily understand the	
Agency's reluctance to have him	ppear to testify to unclassified matters	
in open session. However, Sensi	or Humphrey said even though he felt we	
were making a mistake he would	o along with our proposal. The	
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situation is further complicated by his proposed trip out of the country from 23 January through 9 February. I have conveyed to Miss Goets this information with the suggestion that possibly he could testify on some other date or that talk with Senator Humphrey personally. Miss Goets stated that Garthoff talking with Senator Humphrey did not meet the situation at all. The Subcommittee closes its hearings on 5 February and will hold two days of hearings on the 23rd of February and 25th of February and it was possible that could be fitted in on those two days. On the other hand, Miss Goets inquired if it were possible for the appear on 23 January, delaying his trip by one day. She has been advised that we would look into this matter.

4. In any event it was desired to retain the present schedule for the CIA witnesses. Consequently, there is attached for your signature a proposed letter to Senator Humphrey agreeing to provide appropriate witnesses for an executive session before the Subcommittee on 28 January.

e/ John S. Warner

JOHN S. WARNER Legislative Counsel

#### Attachment

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#### UNITED STATES SENATE

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

December 17, 1958

Mr. Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. G.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Disarmament plans to hold several days of hearings in the coming months aimed primarily to examine more closely the relationship of arms control problems to over-all foreign and defense policies. It is in this connection that I would like to invite you or your representatives to testify before the Subcommittee in executive session at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 1959. If this date is not a convenient one it should be possible to find an alternative.

At my instruction a member of the Subcommittee staff submitted to your agency a few weeks ago a number of questions which constitute the areas of interest to the Subcommittee. I am attaching a list of these questions so that you may see the type of information the Subcommittee is seeking.

I appreciate the cooperation your agency has given the Subcommittee in the past and I have found most valuable the information it has accumulated.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hubert H. Humphrey
Hubert H. Humphrey
Chairman
Subcommittee on Disarmament

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## SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

#### SOME AREAS OF INQUIRY FOR HEARINGS - 1959 86th Congress, First Session

### A. Soviet Military Capabilities and Strategy

- 1. What is known about Soviet development and production of small nuclear weapons?
- 2. What do we know about Soviet missile capabilities?
- 3. To what extent is surprise attack a probable method of Soviet agression? What kind of surprise attack is most likely from the point of view of Soviet-Sino strategy against Asia? Against Europe? Against the U. S.?
- 4. What aspects of new developments in weapons technology in the Soviet Union are anticipated in the near future?
- B. Attitudes of other nations toward use of nuclear weapons in defense
  - 1. The smallest nuclear weapon is considered more powerful than the largest conventional weapons of World War II. Can you give any information regarding the extent to which the discrepancy in size makes a distinction inevitable in the minds of people between nuclear and non-nuclear weapons?
  - 2. What information do you have regarding the attitude of other countries toward the desirability of employing nuclear weapons in the defense of their country?
- C. Role of Communist China in Arms Control Plans
  - 1. What are some of the political and strategic implications in Asian countries of bringing Communist China into more direct participation in arms control discussions and measures?
  - 2. What information is available regarding the policy of the Soviet Union toward aiding Communist China in any way in the nuclear weapons field? What information is available regarding the attitude of Communist China toward receiving and/or developing nuclear weapons?

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## D. Relationship of Arms Control to European Security

- 1. What is the intelligence estimate of the conditions under which the Soviet Union would agree to a reunified Germany?
- 2. To what extent do the Soviets plan to withdraw part or all of their troops from Eastern Europe? Under what conditions?
- 3. What are the implications within satellite countries of a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe?
- 4. From what we know about Seviet policy what would be the political and strategic significance of a ground inspection system in Western and Eastern Europe including the Soviet Union?
- 5. What is the attitude of Western European countries toward the stationing of U. S. troops on their territory in the event U. S. troops were withdrawn from Germany?

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#### UNITED STATES SENATE

#### Committee on Foreign Relations

December 17, 1958

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The Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Disarmament plans to held several days of hearings in the coming months for the purpose of examining more closely the relationship of arms control problems to over-all foreign and defense policies. It is in this connection that I would like to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee in public session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 1959. If this date is not convenient it should be possible to find an alternative.

Your study of Soviet nuclear policy and military strategy makes you a particularly valuable witness. You would be at liberty to discuss and present your various ideas in this general field. However, to show you some of the interests of the Subcommittee I am attaching a list of questions on which I hope it would be possible to receive your views. If you wish to present a brief prepared statement covering points you wish to emphasize this would also be helpful.

I am looking forward to your appearance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hubert H. Humphrey

Hubert H. Humphrey Chairman Subcommittee on Disarmament STAT

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#### SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

#### SOME AREAS OF INQUIRY FOR HEARINGS - 1959 86th Congress, First Session

## A. Seviet Policy and its Relation to Arms Control

What are the most likely forms of Soviet and Chinese Communist expansionism in the immediate future? To what extent is surprise attack a probable method of Soviet agression? To what extent should our estimate of Soviet aims govern our arms control policy and proposals and our defense preparations?

What is your view regarding the policy of the Soviet Union toward aiding Communist China in the nuclear weapons field?

## B. U.S. /Soviet Military Capabilities

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If it is found that the U.S. would be denied the use of nuclear weapons in defending friendly nations against Communist aggression because of political factors, what would be the main consequences in terms of U.S. defense strategy and U.S. foreign policy?

## C. United States Foreign Policy Toward Eastern Europe

Should the reduction of tension in Eastern Europe, i.e., lessening of Soviet pressure on the satellites, be a goal of American foreign policy?

What arms control measures might reduce tension in Eastern Europe? Prevention of surprise attack? Withdrawal or relocation of Soviet and United States troops?

What changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe -- political, economic, technological, and military, should be weighed in determining our own defense requirements and the requirements of NATO?

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24 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Subcommittee on Disarmament of Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

- 1. This memorandum is for information only.
- 2. The Agency has appeared formally three times before Senator Hubert H. Humphrey's Subcommittee on Disarmament. Each time Dr. Scoville appeared, and the dates were 13 March, 20 March, and 19 June 1958. D'Arcy Brent appeared with Dr. Scoville at the session on 20 March 1958. The testimony was primarily in connection with detection of Soviet nuclear explosions. Senator Humphrey and the Subcommittee staff were cooperative on the security aspects.
- 3. No specific arrangements have been made for further appearances, but the Subcommittee staff has asked whether we could help in answering a questionnaire they have prepared and we indicated areas in which we could be of assistance. We informed the staff that we reserved decision as to whether the Agency would actually testify at any hearing.
- 4. The Subcommittee now functions under the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and is made up of Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (D), Chairman, Russell B. Long (D., La.), John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Iowa), and William Langer (R., N. Dak.).

4. Attached is the letter from Senator Humphrey to with the questions he proposes to put to

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON General Counsel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR Attached is a memorandum about our relations with the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament in connection with a request for testimony by Last night we received the attached request from the Chairman for an Agency appearance on 14 January. A response to this should await your discussions with Senator Humphrey on . Senator Humphrey will not be back in Washington before 30 December and perhaps not until the following week. LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON 24 December 1958
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