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Dear Admiral Turner:

The Subcommittee on Intelligence and Military Application of Nuclear Energy of the House Armed Services Committee is holding a hearing at 10:00 a.m., March 15, 1978, to receive testimony on the status of current Comprehensive Test Ban negotiations with the Soviet Union. The Subcommittee Members are particularly interested in the possibility and implications of asymmetrical effects of a "complete" testing ban on the nuclear arsenals of both nations.

We would be interested in having your agency present the intelligence community estimates on current and future Soviet weapons systems and the effect a Comprehensive Test Ban might have on fielding those future systems. Information on the possibility of a Soviet clandestine test program would be valuable.

Your prompt attention to this request would be appreciated.

Melvin Price Chairman

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