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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

[Redacted]

Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

10 February 1978 Briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Foreign Military Presence in Africa

1. [Redacted] Action Requested: In light of the information below, do you still want to be present at referent briefing?

2. [Redacted] Background: In early January the staffer who works for Senator Clark, who chairs the African Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, requested a 10 February briefing for the full Committee to focus on "foreign military presence in Africa." This intelligence briefing has been scheduled to precede a U.S. policy in Africa briefing to be presented by Assistant Secretary of State Moose.

The Committee suggested that [Redacted] Chief, Africa Division, ORPA, would be a suitable level, although the Committee left the final determination up to us. The topics for coverage are any military personnel in Africa presently stationed on foreign soil and would include but not be limited to: Cuban, Soviet, PRC, French, and various African troops presently stationed outside their own national boundaries.

The intelligence briefing has been closely coordinated with Assistant Secretary of State Moose.

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Our briefing team was to be composed of:

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[Redacted] Chief, Africa Division/ORPA
[Redacted] Chief, Latin American Division/ORPA
[Redacted] Analyst on arms in Africa, OSR
[Redacted] Analyst on arms aid to Africa, OER
[Redacted] NFAC/CSS

The briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, 10 February, and our information is that there will not be many members in attendance at our briefing due to the Senate's consideration of the Panama Treaty.

3. [Redacted] Recommendation: Unquestionably, the Committee would welcome your presence at the hearing and your presence would add prestige to the testimony. On the other hand, in making your decision, I wanted to be sure that you did know of the predicted sparse attendance of members and of the previous coordination with State and the Committee.

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