

CIA Congressional Relations
2nd Session, 84th Congress

A. Legislative Action.

1. Mansfield Resolution. On 11 April 1956 the Senate, by a vote of 59 to 27, defeated the Mansfield Resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) for the establishment of a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence. The leading opponent of the Resolution on the Floor was Senator Russell, and he was strongly supported by Senators Hayden, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper, Symington and Barkley. Senator Knowland also argued against the bill and indicated the President's opposition. In addition to Senator Mansfield, Senators Langer, Morse, Gore, Dworshak and McCarthy spoke in support of the Resolution.

2. CIA FY/1957 Budget. The Director appeared once before each of the Armed Services Subcommittees on CIA and briefed them on current operations and, in general terms, on the proposed budget. He appeared twice before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on CIA, chaired by Mr. Cannon, and once before a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Hayden, to discuss the FY/1957 budget. The budget was approved in full by the Committees and by the Congress.

3. Building Appropriation. The Director appeared before the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, chaired by Mr. Mahon, in support of a request for \$49,000,000, the remainder of the full amount authorized for the CIA building and access roads. The hearing was in executive session, but the edited transcript was later made public. The Director also appeared before the full Senate Appropriations Committee, in open session, in support of this request. Both Committees approved the entire amount requested, although the Senate Committee report contained restrictive language, which provided that all CIA headquarters personnel must be housed in a \$46,000,000 building, and that the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission must certify that local commitments have been obtained on ancillary facilities, including roads, deemed necessary by the NCPC, before any funds could be obligated or spent on the project. This language was modified in the conference report, which directs that the Agency "make every effort" to accommodate all headquarters personnel within a \$46,000,000 building, and that no funds be spent "in such a way as to make it necessary for the Congress to authorize additional funds at a later date." The report further


and inspect classified Agency facilities. Due to the pressure of Congressional business, virtually all members invited were unable to make the trip, but there was a strong indication that several would like to make such a trip if it could be scheduled in the early stages of the next session.

16. There were a number of routine contacts with Government Operations and Post Office and Civil Service Committees, and subcommittees thereof. A number of requests for information were received from the Intergovernmental Relations subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, which is conducting an investigation into alleged shipments of vegetable oils from the West to Russia.

17. The Director met with the Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, Mr. Loyd Wright, and promised the cooperation of the CIA in the work of the Commission. This Commission, which reports to the Congress and consists of private citizens and members of Congress, is looking into security practices throughout the Government. It was created during the first session of the 84th Congress. Information as requested is being furnished to the Commission.

18. At the request of its Chairman, Representative Walter, the Director agreed to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee in projects relating to International Communism. The Committee is particularly anxious that the Agency suggest names of individuals residing abroad who are personally knowledgeable as to Communist methods of subversion, intimidation, etc., and who would make good witnesses in public hearings which the Committee hopes to start in the near future.

19. A number of briefings and debriefings of Members of Congress were conducted. Certain members travelling abroad on official committee business were briefed at various stations.


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3. Bill, S. 3851 , May 15, 1956, to amend CIA Act of 1949.
4. House Report 460, Amending Section 6 of the CIA Act of 49, May 15, 1951,
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5. Letter to Nixon, President of the Senate, dated 13 April 1956, and
Sam Rayburn, from DCI, Subject: amend CIA Act, enclosing analysis
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6. Memo for CIA Career Council, from Mr. Warner, dated 28 Oct 1957,
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