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1. The Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, which has just made a trip to Africa, has returned, together with Mr. [redacted] who accompanied the group. Mr. [redacted] feels that the trip was eminently worthwhile, and within the bounds of modesty feels that he was able to be of considerable assistance to the Committee. Congressman Holifield (D., Calif.) spoke very highly to me of [redacted] contribution.

2. In the name of the Director I have suggested to Mr. Cole that we would like to bring him up to date on developments in the atomic energy field which have occurred during his absence. He informed me that he would prefer to be briefed alone without any other members of the Committee initially. Senator Hickenlooper was also appreciative of our invitation for a briefing, but in view of Chairman Cole's statements we will have to brief the Senator after the Chairman.

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4. The Director has approved contacting Speaker Martin and Dr. Judd in his name to arrange for whatever briefings they may desire prior to their trips abroad. Dr. Judd is returning to Washington the week of 12 October and is not planning to go abroad until early in November.

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5. [redacted] of DD/P informed me that the Subcommittee on International Operations of the House Committee on Government Operations, chaired by Congressman Brownson (R., Ind.), has requested the Department of State for a full listing of every Foreign Service Officer (including reserve and staff) presently on duty in Washington, including his name, job assignment, telephone extension, and how much duty time he has spent in Washington since 1949.

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6. It has been reported that Congressman Albert Thomas (D., Tex.), 4th ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, contacted the [redacted] who assigned Capt. Graubard to accompany him through [redacted] and [redacted]. Capt. Graubard allegedly summoned [redacted]. The extent of these conversations is not yet known. Congressman Thomas has already returned to the United States and is in Texas.

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