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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Symington, 21 December 1973

- 1. On 21 December I met Senator Symington at his office. I began by expressing my concern at Senator Baker's continued unease about possible CIA involvement in the Watergate. I explained that I had mentioned this to Senator Stennis who had advised me that I should not try to get Senator Baker to reveal his sources to me or challenge his unease. Senator Symington then said that I should relax on the matter and not be overly tense. He said that he had been following the matter closely and would be following it very closely in the future. He said that he has tried himself to find very precisely any Agency involvement and is satisfied that he has received full accounting of all matters. I assured him that this would continue.
- 2. In the hall I commented to Senator Symington that we had made arrangements for the disposition of Southern Air Transport although we had withdrawn from the international routes and had also withdrawn the certificate as a supplemental domestic carrier. Senator Symington indicated that he was aware that these withdrawals had taken place and seemed satisfied with the course of events.

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