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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD



Tris Coffin passed on the following information to General Smith:

1. Coffin believes from his contacts on the Hill that when Congress reconvenes they may demand to know what estimate the Central Intelligence Agency has made with regard to the real mission of the Communist Chinese in North Korea.

2. Coffin in a recent conversation with Jack Martin, assistant to Senator Taft, discussed the possibility of a meeting in the near future between Gen. Smith and Sen. Taft. Apparently it is felt that Taft is not an iron-clad isolationist and that if he were to be enlightened by General Smith with regard to a desirable U S foreign policy that it might go a long way toward helping the administration's current policy. He believes Sen. Taft may call Gen. Smith in the near future to this end.

Gen. Smith has been advised of the foregoing.

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