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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1 Senator Saltonstall called the Director a second time today, and opened the conversation by saying he had talked with Senators Hayden and Russell and on his statement that the DCI would take the amount mentioned in an earlier conversation [redacted] out of our reserve, they said they would forget it and would not take it up before the full committee. He said therefore it had now gone through and the committee report is now on the floor.

Senator Saltonstall then said that Senator Henry Dworshak had made his usual complaint at the end of the meeting that he knew nothing about the CIA budget, thought it was outrageous, etc.. Senator Hayden told him that he certainly would know about it and hear about it. Senator Saltonstall suggested that the Director might want to consider calling up Senator Hayden or Senator Russell and asking them if they didn't think it would be a good thing for him to go around and see Dworshak and tell him the story; it might calm him down.

Senator Saltonstall said Senator Dworshak thinks the CIA money should be out in the open just like everybody else's and he would like to know the total number of employees and the total amount of money included in the CIA budget. Mr. Dulles and Senator Saltonstall discussed the difficulties involved in this, and Mr. Dulles stated that if he gave certain information to Senator Dworshak he would be setting a precedent and would be opening the floodgates to numerous other requests for the same information. He said that the House side has stood firm against requests such as this, and that Reps. Cannon and Taber have simply said this information was not for public consumption, and have thereby quieted all questioners, many of whom were as tough as Dworshak. The Director suggested that the Senate adopt this same position, and

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Senator Saltonstall said he agreed with the Director's view and that he would talk with Russell again and see how he thought it could be handled.

The Senator then said that perhaps it could be handled by someone like himself giving Senator Dworshak the data, but the Director reiterated that if Senator Dworshak were given the information, there was no reason to think that others would not be clamoring for the same information and that their request would be reasonable in light of the fact that the information had been given to Dworshak. Senator Saltonstall repeated that he would talk with Russell and would give the Director a ring when he had done this. The Director said he was perfectly willing to lay before the Hayden/Saltonstall subcommittee every single penny of our budget and to spell out how it was to be spent, but that he hesitated about having it go further than this. Senator Saltonstall said he knew how the Director felt, and that he himself felt the same way, and it was just a matter of finding a way to work it out.

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