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15 August 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: Briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy for 10 a. m., 16 August 1961**

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. As you know, arrangements have been completed for your appearance before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy tomorrow at 10:00 a. m. The staff has insisted that they be afforded a prebriefing session with a knowledgeable technical man. Attempts were made to dissuade them from this request since Dr. Scoville did not wish to spare his men at this time. As I understand from [redacted] however, you approved going forward with this and arrangements are now made for [redacted] and myself to meet with the staff at 4:15 this afternoon.

3. As I indicated earlier, the staff has also raised the point of having in the possession of the Committee a copy of your prepared statement 24 hours in advance of the time of the hearing. This is their so-called 24-hour rule which they state is complied with by the Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Defense and all other witnesses. You will recall this point was raised last year. I have made all possible efforts to indicate to them that we could not meet this requirement including reference to incomplete statement and short notes instead of verbatim text. This has not worked and at 11 o'clock this morning the staff again called reminding us of their 24-hour rule and stating they hoped no difficulties would occur because of our failure to comply. Suggestions were made that possibly a telephone call from the Chairman to the Director of Central Intelligence might produce compliance. I have indicated that I am aware of their request and

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will do whatever I can. It is my understanding that you do not wish to furnish them with a copy of the prepared statement and when I meet with them this afternoon I plan to state that there is not a copy available unless you approve of our furnishing them a copy at this time.

*s/ John S. Warner*

**JOHN S. WARNER**  
**Legislative Counsel**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Hearings before the Subcommittee on Aviation  
of the Senate Committee on Interstate and  
Foreign Commerce

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. You had requested me to look into the matter of possible legislation or statements concerning such legislation dealing with hijacking airplanes which included some reference to "spies in the sky." I believe the references to "spies in the sky" come from the hearings held on 4 August 1961. We have attached a transcript of that hearing. Marked at page 18 is Mr. Halaby's statement with reference to S. 2268, which is also attached, as follows:

This bill provides very simply that air drunks and flying fools and spies in the sky will face not just local police or a defenseless girl or a preoccupied crew, but the full power of your Federal Government.

The bill itself is clearly directed only at hijacking of aircraft. It is very possible that Mr. Halaby's use of the phrase "spies in the sky" was simply his way of expressing the thought of paid agents of another government who were seizing aircraft by force.

3. We have looked at a number of other bills and find no references in the legislation itself dealing with "spies in the sky"

or aimed at the problem of obtaining information by use of vehicles in air space. S. 2268, as you will note from the number of co-sponsors, is the principal bill being considered in the Senate and very likely by this time has received Senate approval where it will then be sent to the House.

JOHN S. WARNER  
Legislative Counsel

Attachments - 2  
Transcript  
S. 2268

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