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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Briefing of House Science and Astronautics Committee**

1. In accordance with previous arrangements, Agency representatives appeared before the House Science and Astronautics Committee in Executive Session on 5 June for approximately two hours beginning at 10 a.m. The briefing was held in room 214B, New House Office Building, and there was a technical sweep of the room prior to the briefing. Present from the Committee were:

- Overton Brooks (D., Louisiana), Chairman
- B. F. Sisk (D., California)
- J. Edgar Chenoweth (R., Colorado)
- James G. Fulton (R., Pennsylvania)
- Erwin Mitchell (D., Georgia)
- Perkins Bass (R., New Hampshire)

**Staff members present were:**

- Spencer M. Beresford
- Charles S. Sheldon, II
- Raymond Wilcove

**Agency representatives present:**

Herbert Scoville, Jr. AD/SI



John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

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No transcript was taken, but arrangements were made by the Chairman for Mr. Beresford to prepare a summary which would then be cleared with the Agency. Mr. Sheldon advised me that they had facilities only for storage of up to SECRET classification.

2. Dr. Scoville did the principal briefing from a series of papers and not a prepared statement. In effect, he advised the Chairman that he was continuing the briefing the Agency had conducted in February. However, Dr. Scoville did bring the



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3. There were several references by Representative Chenoweth to the question of who is ahead in what fields. Insofar  it was developed by Dr. Scoville that this is based on hard and reliable intelligence but that certainly in other fields we were not satisfied.

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4. Representative Sisk took this occasion to comment rather fully that he believed the intelligence people were doing a pretty good job. Representative Chenoweth hastened to make a statement that "I was not implying that our intelligence was bad. I, too, think it is good."

5. Representative Sisk asked a specific question relating to velocity data of the Soviet lunar shot as it left the earth and as it passed the moon. This information was promised to him.

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6. At the conclusion Representative Brooks thanked the Agency representatives most graciously for the briefing and stated he thought it was most interesting and of considerable help to the Committee.

s/ John S. Warner  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR**

**For approval.**

**Attached is a memorandum which records the hearing before the House Science and Astronautics Committee on 5 June. The hearing went very well and Mr. Brooks was most appreciative of the briefing.**

**In view of the fact that Dr. Scoville covered the recent Soviet ICBM shot to the longest range yet, I strongly recommend that a brief memo concerning this shot be forwarded to the following Committees:**

MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

**Senate Preparedness Investigating Sub-  
Committee; and  
The CIA Subcommittees of Senate and  
House Armed Services.**

**Dr. Scoville concurs and is preparing an  
appropriate memorandum if you approve.**

**APPROVED**

**s/ John S. Warner  
JOHN S. WARNER  
Legislative Counsel**

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**ALLEN W. DULLES**  
**Director**

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