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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Captain Louis Patrick Gray, III, Military Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

1. Met with Captain Gray to receive from him the prepared statement utilized by General Twining before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 16 January 1959. Captain Gray informed me that this same presentation was utilized before the Senate Armed Services Committee on 20 January 1959 and will also be used at other appropriate committee hearings, presumably the joint meeting of the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee and the Space Committee, both of which are chaired by Senator Johnson.
2. Captain Gray advised that General Twining wished very much for the Director to receive copies of any presentations that he made which included estimates of the Soviet military strength. Captain Gray further advised that Secretary McElroy had made the same point but it was hoped that this would be on a reciprocal basis. I delivered to Captain Gray for Secretary McElroy and General Twining copies of the prepared statement and the questions and answers of the Director's appearance before the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services.
3. With minor exceptions, the entire Senate Armed Services Committee was present except that Senator Johnson was present only for very brief periods. Of interest is the apparent belief of Secretary McElroy and General Twining and others who sat through the hearings that Senators Johnson, Jackson and Symington are out to wage a concerted attack on the validity and verity of the U. S. intelligence estimates. Questions were raised attempting to delve into the specifics of intelligence sources, evaluations and distribution.

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4. Efforts are being made to secure either availability of the transcript or an actual copy although there is some indication that the Committee is not anxious that a transcript be made available too freely.

s/ John S. Warner
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Legislative Counsel

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Only Cannon and Beall were not listed as being present. However, this is being verified further.