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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Special Briefing of Selected Congressmen

1. This memorandum contains recommendations in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

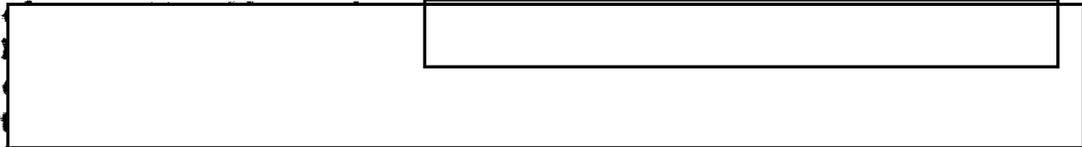
2. Attached is the tentative listing of Congressmen to receive a special briefing which was discussed at a recent Deputies Meeting. This listing is the same as the previous listing except that Senator Knowland has been added as the minority floor leader in the Senate and Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., has been added as the minority leader in the House. While there are many problems connected with attempting such a special briefing, the request by Chairman Vinson for your usual briefing of the House Armed Services CIA Subcommittee (only Vinson and Arends presumably available) presents an opportunity to give them the special briefing since you will be called on for a briefing of the full Committee at a later date (see memorandum of 5 December 1957). It is also true that a great number of the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee will return to town for the continuation of hearings on 13 December before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of that Committee.

3. This problem has been discussed with Mr. Houston, Mr. Bissell and Colonel White. From Mr. Bissell's viewpoint

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the matter has special significance in view of the recent briefings



butes further to the desirability of briefing appropriate members of Congress. Mr. Bissell concurred with the thought of including those Congressmen who are members of Subcommittees concerned with CIA and understood the reasons various other Congressmen were included.

4. It is also true that with the increased number of people within our own Government and outside of Government who have gained knowledge of this situation there is some likelihood that sooner or later certain members of Congress will hear of this project. This further contributes to the desirability of briefing appropriate members of Congress.

5. In view of the circumstances, all with whom this matter has been discussed agree that if we are to attempt any such briefing, the question of timing assumes considerable importance. It is our view that it should be done before the convening of Congress and the week of December 16th appears to present a good opportunity when a number of the members of Congress on our tentative listing could be expected to be in town. It is proposed that the briefing be conducted at the Stewart Building and essentially in two parts, the first to deal with the history and growth of the project itself and the second part would deal with the results and their significance.

6. In view of the unusual nature of both the briefing and the arrangements that would be necessary, it is suggested that a written invitation over your signature be extended to those on the list finally approved. That letter would mention the fact of a unique and important briefing and would propose a follow up personal visit by me to outline the reasons and the nature of the briefing in very general terms. A proposed letter is attached for information.

7. It is recommended that a final list be approved and invitations extended to those on such a list.

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The recommendations in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 are approved

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1. The attached tentative listing of congressmen to receive a special briefing was developed by including the names of senior congressmen who serve on CIA subcommittees or occupy senior positions in the full committees concerned with CIA.

a. Specifically included are all members of the CIA subcommittees of the full Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

b. Included are all the members of the CIA subcommittees of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

c. By including the full membership of the CIA subcommittees there are automatically included the chairmen and ranking minority members of each of the Senate and House Appropriations and Armed Services Committee.

d. By inclusion of Senator Johnson as a member of the CIA subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services, we have also included the majority floor leader of the Senate and Senator Mansfield is included as the majority whip of the Senate. Senator Knowland is included as the minority floor leader.

e. Senator Jackson is listed by virtue of his being Chairman of the Military Applications Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and his membership on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

f. Senator Symington is included as being Chairman of the Air Force Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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g. Representative Sam Rayburn is included as the Speaker of the House. Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., is included as the minority leader.

h. Representative John W. McCormack is included as majority floor leader of the House and membership on the House Committee on Government Operations.

i. Representative Porter Hardy, Jr. is included as Chairman of the International Operations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations. (Representative William L. Dawson, Chairman of the full Committee, has delegated full authority to this Subcommittee for CIA matters.)

2. The listing establishes a pattern of including the leadership in those areas of interest to the Agency. For other reasons it is assumed that there should be a number of deletions from this tentative listing.

3. A great many of the congressmen appear to be present in Washington at this time, and it may be desirable to attempt this special briefing in early December before the holidays and certainly before Congress convenes. It is suggested that the White House be consulted on the proposed briefing. As to invitations to the persons on a final list, this could be done by a letter from the DCI mentioning the unique and special nature of the briefing to be followed by personal visits to sketch the nature of the briefing in an effort to secure attendance of as many as possible.

Tentative Listing of Congressmen

Who Might be Invited to Receive a Special Briefing

Senators

x * Styles Bridges (R., N. H.)
* Harry Flood Byrd (D., Va.)
x Dennis Chavez (D., N. M.)
x Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.)
Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)
* Lyndon B. Johnson (D., Tex.)
William F. Knowland (R., Calif.)
Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)
x * Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.)
x * Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.)
Stuart Symington (D., Mo.)

Representatives

* Leslie C. Arends (R., Ill.)
x Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.)
* Carl T. Durham (D., N. C.)
* Leon H. Gavin (R., Pa.)
Porter Hardy, Jr. (D., Va.)
* Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.)
John W. McCormack (D., Mass.)
x George H. Mahon (D., Tex.)
Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R., Mass.)
Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.)
x Harry R. Sheppard (D., Calif.)
x John Taber (R., N. Y.)
* Carl Vinson (D., Ga.)
x Richard B. Wigglesworth (R., Mass.)

* Members of CIA Subcommittees of Senate and House Armed Services

x Members of CIA Subcommittees of Senate and House Appropriations
Committees

Proposed Letter to Approved List

Name
Address
Washington, D. C.

Dear -----:

I should like to extend to you an invitation to a special briefing on certain activities of this Agency which I am sure you will find to be of special interest. This briefing will be conducted on _____ December 1957 and the members present will include certain members of Congress who are concerned with the functions of the Agency.

In order that you may be more fully aware of the reasons for this briefing and its scope, I propose that the Legislative Counsel for the Agency, Mr. John S. Warner, call on you personally. At that time final arrangements as to time and place can be made.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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<p>Pursuant to our telephone conversation, the Director feels that he should not give this briefing without the prior approval of the President and he does not want to approach him at this time.</p> <p>As we agreed, please bear this in mind and again get in touch with the Director after a decision has been made on whether or not the President will attend the NATO Conference.</p> <p><i>All other exp returned to Gen Counsel.</i></p>			
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