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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Senator Benton's Testimony Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. This memorandum is for the action of the DCI. Such action is contained in paragraph 4.

2. We have marked some of the most significant pages in Senator Benton's comments to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but I recommend that if you have the time it would be worth your while to peruse the entire testimony since it is so well organized and so pertinent. Many of the ideas which Senator Benton puts forward are obviously for overt exploitation either in speeches by the President or Secretary of State or for USIA action. However, it seems to us that you may wish to suggest to the OCB that one of its committees review this testimony along with the full transcript of the Committee discussion which we will forward to you as soon as it is available.

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3. [redacted] of this Staff, and I met with Senator Benton's assistants prior to his testimony to discuss certain information which he might wish to include on Soviet propaganda. Thus, it is worth noting that he did lay considerable stress on Khrushchev's speech at Minsk, a copy of which we had provided, pointing out some of the obvious vulnerabilities included in that speech.

4. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Senator Benton.

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Attachment: letter

cc: DDCI [redacted]
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