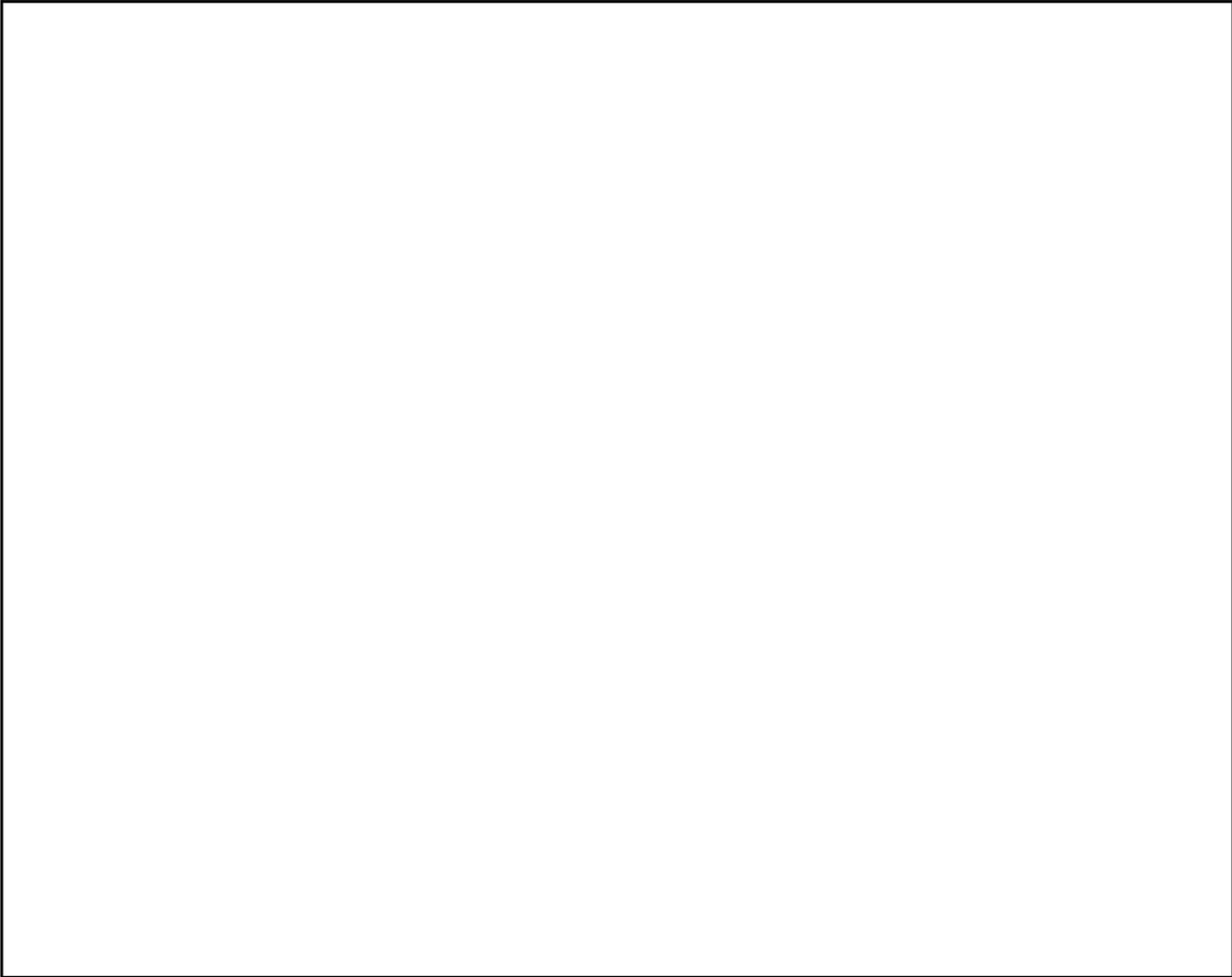


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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1954

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
DAVID KEYSER

Hon. Allan Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Following our conversation this afternoon, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memorandum sent to me from the State Department and signed by Mr. Walter Bedell Smith. I understand that the contents of this memorandum were formulated by the Secretary himself when he was at Berlin at that time. I believe it succinctly states the purposes of our Committee.

As I mentioned to you, we contemplate having hearings in London commencing June 14th and the week following (June 21st) at Munich, and thereafter for about a day or two in Berlin. Mr. James McTigue, General Counsel of our Committee and Mr. Will Allen, also with our Committee, are presently in London. Mr. Dick Walsh is presently at Munich. They are arranging for the hearing schedules. Our Committee will greatly appreciate all the help that you can give us in preparation for these hearings so as to make them effective toward the purposes outlined in the Secretary's memo.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Charles J. Kersten
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February 8, 1954

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CHARLES J. KERSTEN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following are the Department's views regarding the work of the House Baltic Committee and your proposal to broaden the scope of the Committee's inquiry, as set forth in the draft Resolution enclosed with your letter of January 17th, 1954 to Secretary Dulles:

1. The Department considers that the work of the House Committee has been wisely planned and effectively conducted. It is apparent that the hearings held to date have made a valuable contribution to United States objectives in disseminating impressive evidence of Soviet disrespect for the rights and sovereignty of small nations.

2. The Department believes that it will be beneficial to broaden the scope of the Committee's work to provide for inquiry into similar cases where Communism has extended its domination over free peoples. Careful, well-documented investigation of such cases would be valuable (a) to assure the captive peoples behind the Iron Curtain that they are not forgotten and that the United States does not endorse their captivity; and (b) to educate public opinion in the Free World regarding Communist techniques in seizing power and the terrible realities of life under Communist rule.

/s/ Walter B. Smith

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15 February 1954

The Honorable Charles J. Kersten
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Kersten:

I was sincerely appreciative of your courtesy in feeling that my recent talk merited insertion in the Congressional Record. Your introductory remarks seemed to me particularly appropriate.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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