

8 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

SUBJECT : Congressional Contacts.

1. In accordance with your request at the Assistant Directors' Meeting on 7 December 1953 concerning congressional contacts, I should like to report that I consider Congressman Jere Cooper, Democrat from Tennessee, to be an individual whom I could approach and speak frankly to on any subject.

2. Mr. Cooper was elected to Congress from my district in about 1929 and gave me my appointment to the Military Academy..... the first appointment he made. I have seen him infrequently during the ensuing years; however, he remembers me and my family well and I am sure that I would be accorded a most cordial reception at any time I wanted to see him.

3. According to the Congressional Directory, Mr. Cooper is a member of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures along with Senator Ferguson, Representative Taber, Representative Wigglesworth, and Mr. Dodge, Director, Bureau of the Budget.

4. While I do not know either Senator Kefauver or Senator Gore from Tennessee personally, I am reasonably certain that through mutual acquaintances, and particularly through Jere Cooper, I would be cordially received.

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