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1. Through William Darden of the Senate Armed Services Committee Staff, sought Senator Russell's advice on the advisability of the Congressional trip to [REDACTED] Senator Russell thought that the invitation was a good idea, although he was very doubtful if he himself could attend. Gen. Cabell passed this information on to the DCI and obtained the DCI's clearance to issue the remainder of the invitations after a check with Speaker Rayburn, as had been recommended by Mr. Smart of the House Armed Services Committee Staff.

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**2. In the absence of Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee, discussed with Mr. Smart, Chief Counsel, the proposed invitation to subcommittee members to visit [REDACTED] He advised that he was sure Chairman Vinson would think this an excellent idea, and urged that we release the letters of invitation without waiting to check with him. He also urged, however, that the Director touch base with the Speaker of the House before issuing the invitations. The Speaker was evidently greatly annoyed by a recent junket arranged by the Navy without any prior notification to him.**

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