

SECRET/SENSITIVE

*Released To OGC
in this format*

OLC 70-0831

23 November 1970

THIS DOCUMENT WAS SUBJECT TO ITT/CHILE JUSTICE INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of Defense Subcommittee of Senate
Appropriations Committee - 19 November 1970

1. On 19 November the Director appeared before the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The session lasted from 1552 until 1805 hours. A technical sweep of the room, S-126 in the Capitol, was conducted and the room was kept under technical monitoring throughout. Discussions included SI and TKH material. Highlights of the session are summarized below. No transcript was taken.

2. Present from the Subcommittee for all or part of the briefing were:

Allen J. Ellender (D., La.), Acting Chairman
John Stennis (D., Miss.)
John O. Pastore (D., R.I.)
Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)
Margaret Chase Smith (R., Me.)
Gordon Allott (R., Colo.)
Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.)

Ex Officio Members present were:

Stuart Symington (D., Mo.)
Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)
Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.)

3. Present from the Subcommittee staff were:

William Woodruff, Counsel
Francis Hewitt, Assistant Clerk

SECRET/SENSITIVE

4. Accompanying the Director were:

Lawrence K. White, Ex/Dir-Compt
George Carver, SAVA

John M. Maury, Legislative Counsel

5. The Director's presentation included those portions of his prepared briefing dated 19 November 1970 (on file in the Office of Legislative Counsel) concerning the Middle East, Indochina, Chile, Soviet Naval Activity in Cuba, and Communist Military Activity. (He did not use the section on the Cuban political situation.)

9. After hearing the Director's prepared remarks on Chile, Senator Ellender asked whether, and how, the Soviets had assisted the Chilean leftists. The Director mentioned financial and propaganda support in particular. Senator Ellender asked whether we had not

supported the other side in Chile to at least the same extent the Russians had supported the leftists. The Director said we had provided economic aid to the previous regime on a substantial scale, and Senator Ellender asked, if this was so, why the Chileans had turned against us. Senator Pastore asked whether the coup was engineered by Moscow or was a popular reaction against the status quo. The Director suggested it was partly both.

10. Senator Symington questioned the Director's statement that Chile had been moving steadily toward the left--he wanted to know whether "toward the left" meant more democratic or more totalitarian. The Director said he was only trying to note the trend toward more nationalization and governmental control. Senator Symington said the trend toward more government control could take place under both rightist and leftist governments, so that shouldn't be the test of who we help.

11. Senator Pastore emphasized the danger that we might fail to recognize truly popular revolutions and label them Communist-inspired. The Director acknowledged this danger but pointed out the U.S. had been trying to respond to legitimate popular aspirations by promoting liberal reforms through democratic rather than totalitarian means.

5X1A