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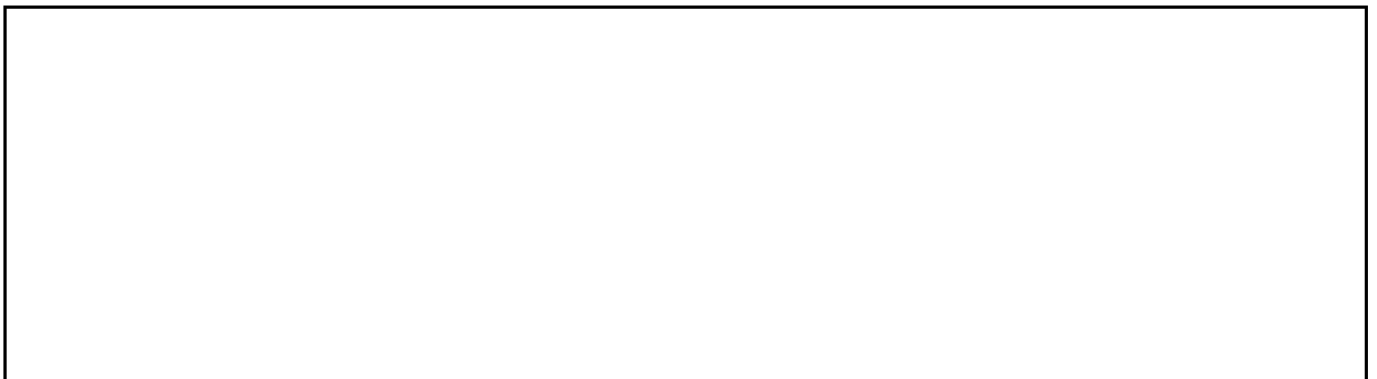
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[redacted] Informed Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, of the above, explaining that we were following well-established ground rules under which we would be of course prepared to brief Senator Symington himself, as a member of our oversight Committee, on the matters in question but could not discuss them with staff investigators of the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Braswell said he thought our position was reasonable and clear and saw no need to alert Senator Stennis.

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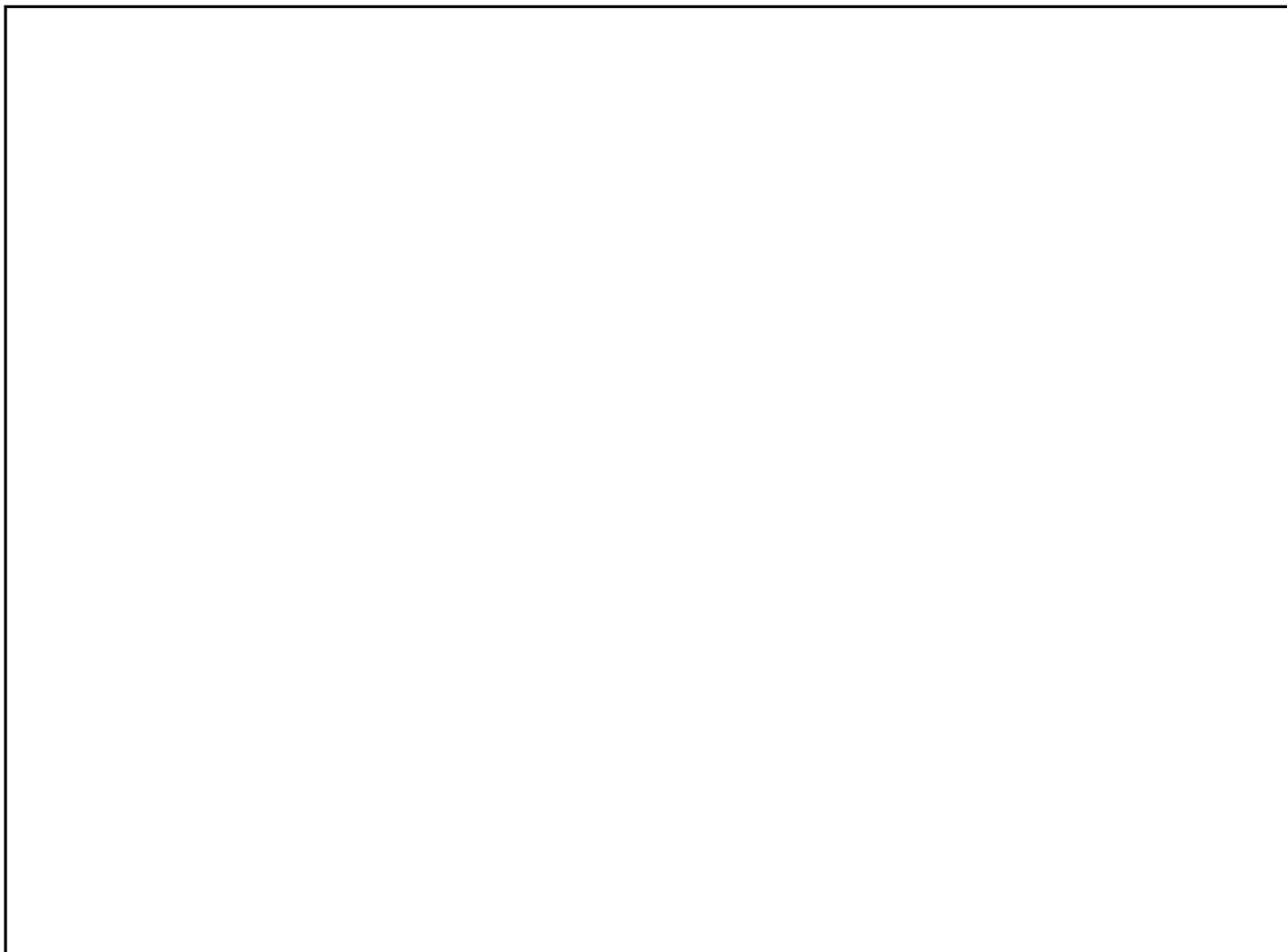
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4.  In response to his request, I met with Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who was exploring various possibilities for new approaches to gathering information for Committee use to upgrade the standard procedures of the witness/hearing format of Committee operation. Among other topics he was particularly interested in the hearings in 1969 of Senate Foreign Relations Committee into the psychological aspects of conduct of relations with other nations. I suggested to Mr. Berdes that any investigations along these lines should be directed to the various area desks in the Department of State. No further action by the Agency is required.

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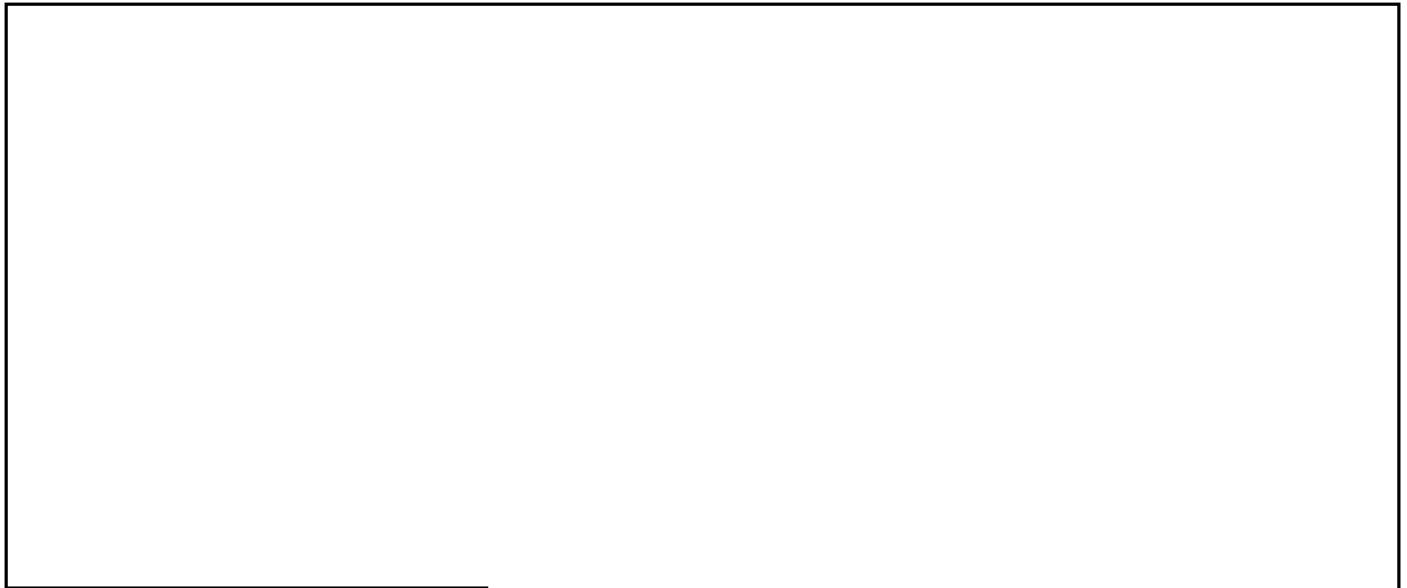
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[Redacted] Met with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in connection with Chairman Fulbright's 4 January letter to the Director renewing requests for National Estimates regarding Southeast Asia. I told Marcy we saw no way of complying with these requests but wished to avoid a confrontation with the Chairman and wondered whether the Chairman himself had initiated this request. Marcy said the Chairman had been in Jamaica with his children and grandchildren since Christmas so he "didn't know" whether the Chairman had signed the letter in question. In any event, Marcy agreed a confrontation should be avoided if possible and he apologized for not keeping closer track of the matter himself (implying that had he done so we could have "talked it over" instead of dealing through formal correspondence.) I suggested that before proceeding further we have another round with the three young investigators-- Blum, Biles and Hollick--with whom Mr. Carver and I had conferred about a month ago and who had never followed-up our suggestion that they study transcripts of earlier hearings and then formulate specific substantive questions which we would try to answer. Marcy agreed with this suggestion and said he would so instruct the investigators.

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