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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Stephen Young

1. Talked with Senator Stephen Young for over an hour. The Senator first discussed with me his views on a different committee set up for CIA stating he thought that on the Senate side the Chairmen of Armed Services, Appropriations and Foreign Relations should designate a more junior member both on the majority and minority side since the senior people are too busy to give the Agency proper attention. He stated he was going to discuss this with Senator Russell, Senator Mansfield, and others. I told the Senator we took no position on committee arrangements since we believed this was a matter for the Congress to establish.

2. The Senator then turned to the Vietnam situation and the stories in the press about this. I then exhibited to him a series

pointed out to him how the Communists had turned this press item into an over-all attack on U. S. policy and U. S. leaders. It would appear that the Senator was somewhat taken aback by these results. I urged him that in any of his discussions of the Agency that he be most careful and if he had complaints about specific items it would appear appropriate that he bring it to Senator Russell's attention rather than speaking with the press. I told him, of course, we had no desire to tell him what he could say or could not say or what position he should take. He seemed to understand.

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3. On the four American flyers killed in the Bay of Pigs, he stated he was still not satisfied about this. I told him the Agency was under an injunction from our Subcommittees concerning discussing sensitive activities. Therefore, I could not furnish him any classified information on this subject. He did go into the law governing payments to widows of civilians killed in the performance of duty. Obviously he had this law confused with the Civil Service Retirement Act. I explained the ramifications of these two laws. It seemed to come somewhat clearer to him but he still complained that military personnel get less. I then cited to him the benefits payable to the widow of a military man in the rank of captain which, with medical care and commissary privileges, compared rather favorably with civilian figures. He seemed somewhat surprised at these facts and stated he might want to go into this further. I again urged him that if he wished to examine a specific case it seemed to be a matter which would more appropriately be taken up with Senator Russell. He agreed that this was the proper course and commented that he could see what the Cubans would do with any statements he might make publicly. It would appear that he plans to make no further public statements at this time, but I doubt that we can rely fully on his discretion in the future. He did ask me, however, that if he ever made any statements which were inappropriate he wished I would call it to his attention.

4. Senator Young requested an unclassified figure concerning the percentage of Viet Cong in South Vietnam who are in fact indigenous South Vietnamese. I agreed to supply this on a nonattributable basis.

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