

CIA INTERNAL USE ONLY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Nuclear Test Ban Briefing

1. A Colonel Garcia, who identified himself as being with the Air Force, called this morning and requested our approval for his attendance at Mr. McCone's briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee/Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. I told Colonel Garcia we had been in touch with the Joint Committee staff with regard to this and on the basis of one individual from each department or agency, this Agency had no objection to his attendance at the hearing so long as he possessed the necessary clearance. Garcia said that at one time he had a Restricted Data clearance but he did not believe it was current. I suggested it was possible for this to be done on short notice. His comment was "it is easier not to go." I told him it was up to him but I strongly urged that he call John Conway of the Committee staff and raise this question with him. I again reiterated that this Agency had no objection to his presence. As the conversation closed, I had the impression that Garcia had decided not to attend.

2. At ten minutes of ten I received a call from a Mr. Knott, in Air Force Security, raising again the question of Colonel Garcia's attendance at the Director's briefing. I repeated to Mr. Knott what I had said to Colonel Garcia and again suggested to Knott that he contact the Joint Committee. He said he thought he could arrange for Garcia's clearance but he didn't feel that there was sufficient time at this point. I indicated that if Colonel Garcia had pursued the matter as I suggested and gone to the Joint Committee offices, it might have been possible for him to attend. Neither Garcia nor Knott appeared angry nor did they appear to be strongly disposed to pursue the question of Garcia's clearance.



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