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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Captive Nations Resolutions

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Last July the Congress passed a resolution designating the third week in July as "Captive Nations Week." When signed by the President, this resolution became Public Law 86-90 (copy attached). The listing of several Soviet national groupings among the Captive Nations in this measure was the subject of severe criticism.
3. This year a number of resolutions have been introduced in the Congress reaffirming the position with respect to the captive nations and calling on the President to "... pursue energetically at the forthcoming Summit Conference the restoration of the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of the people of the captive nations."
4. While several of these measures identify the same geographic areas listed in Public Law 86-90, the preponderance refer only to "the captive nations of Eastern and Central Europe." Typical of this latter group is Congressman Clement J. Zablocki's bill, House Concurrent Resolution 633 (copy attached). The House Foreign Affairs Committee is conducting executive hearings on Zablocki's bill today.
5. IO Division, [redacted] and Tracy Barnes have been kept informed including my conversations with Jock Hoghland who is Bill Macomber's Deputy at State Department. Hoghland has indicated

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that while the Department would have hoped for no resolutions, it is believed that the Zablocki version would be the one to move and Macomber has discussed this with Zablocki and others on House Foreign Affairs. I have the distinct impression that the Department of State believes they have this well in hand.

S/ John S. Warner
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Attachments (2)

Public Law 86-90
H. Con. Res. 633

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Public Law 86-90
86th Congress, S. J. Res. 111
July 17, 1959

JOINT RESOLUTION

73 Stat. 212.

Providing for the designation of the third week of July as "Captive Nations Week".

Whereas the greatness of the United States is in large part attributable to its having been able, through the democratic process, to achieve a harmonious national unity of its people, even though they stem from the most diverse of racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds; and

Whereas this harmonious unification of the diverse elements of our free society has led the people of the United States to possess a warm understanding and sympathy for the aspirations of peoples everywhere and to recognize the natural interdependency of the peoples and nations of the world; and

Whereas the enslavement of a substantial part of the world's population by Communist imperialism makes a mockery of the idea of peaceful coexistence between nations and constitutes a detriment to the natural bonds of understanding between the people of the United States and other peoples; and

Whereas since 1918 the imperialistic and aggressive policies of Russian communism have resulted in the creation of a vast empire which poses a dire threat to the security of the United States and of all the free peoples of the world; and

Whereas the imperialistic policies of Communist Russia have led, through direct and indirect aggression, to the subjugation of the national independence of Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Estonia, White Ruthenia, Rumania, East Germany, Bulgaria, mainland China, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Korea, Albania, Idel-Ural, Tibet, Cossackia, Turkestan, North Viet-Nam, and others; and

Whereas these submerged nations look to the United States, as the citadel of human freedom, for leadership in bringing about their liberation and independence and in restoring to them the enjoyment of their Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist, or other religious freedoms, and of their individual liberties; and

Whereas it is vital to the national security of the United States that the desire for liberty and independence on the part of the peoples of these conquered nations should be steadfastly kept alive; and

Whereas the desire for liberty and independence by the overwhelming majority of the people of these submerged nations constitutes a powerful deterrent to war and one of the best hopes for a just and lasting peace; and

Whereas it is fitting that we clearly manifest to such peoples through an appropriate and official means the historic fact that the people of the United States share with them their aspirations for the recovery of their freedom and independence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the third week in July 1959 as "Captive Nations Week" and

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Week.

Pub. Law 86-90

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inviting the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. The President is further authorized and requested to issue a similar proclamation each year until such time as freedom and independence shall have been achieved for all the captive nations of the world.

Approved July 17, 1959.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

This is for information only.

Attached relates to hearings which have been scheduled by the House Foreign Affairs Committee today on a number of Captive Nations resolutions.

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