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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Rules Committee Hearings on Resolutions Proposing a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. This afternoon, at Mr. Robert Smart's request, I met with Mr. Kilday and Mr. Smart to review various facts pertaining to the establishment of CIA and its relationship with the Congress. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare Mr. Kilday for his appearance tomorrow before the Rules Committee at 10:30 to oppose the resolutions. Mr. Kilday has been requested by Mr. Vinson to appear and will be able to say that the House Committee on Armed Services opposes the Joint Committee. In addition, at Mr. Vinson's direction, Mr. Kilday has written letters to all members of the CIA Subcommittee including Mr. Arends stating that Mr. Vinson has requested that they be present at the hearing tomorrow. The one exception is in the case of the new member, Mr. Melvin Price, since he has before the Rules Committee a resolution for a Joint Committee. However, Mr. Price has advised Judge Smith informally that he does not wish to appear in support of his resolution.

3. Mr. Kilday plans to cover various points including the origin of CIA stemming from CIG and consideration of the National Security Act in the old Committee on Expenditures, the predecessor to the present Government Operations Committee. He will then trace the legislative jurisdiction of Armed Services over CIA including the

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thorough consideration of the CIA Act of 1949 and the only two substantive amendments to basic CIA legislation which were handled by Armed Services. Mr. Kilday then plans to point out the activities of the various CIA Subcommittees with particular reference to the House Armed Services Subcommittee. He will also discuss the number of appearances that the Agency has made before congressional committees during recent years. With respect to the Armed Services Subcommittee, he will point out that not only has the Agency filled in the membership in detail and in a candid fashion, but he stated he also plans to mention the continuing liaison and relationships between the DCI and himself. He mentioned also he would discuss the day-to-day liaison conducted by John Warner with Mr. Kilday and Mr. Smart, all of which is designed to assist the Subcommittee in discharging its responsibilities.

4. Mr. Kilday will then speak to the general question of joint committees indicating his opposition as a matter of principle, citing his ten years on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and stating that nothing it has accomplished could not have been accomplished through a normal bicameral process. Having stated his opposition to joint committees in general, he will indicate his strong opposition to the specific Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence Matters. Mr. Kilday ventured his opinion that he did not believe the resolution would be reported out favorably.

5. The hearing is in open session and I plan to cover it.

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