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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. SEAMANS
DR. McLUCAS
DR. FOSTER

SUBJECT: MOL Briefing to the House Armed Services Committee

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of an expected request from Chairman Rivers, House Armed Services Committee for a MOL/DORIAN briefing to the whole Committee. This request arises from two recent occurrences before the Committee.

During Dr. Foster's testimony before the Committee on 1 May 1969 and in response to a question concerning what MOL will do, Dr. Foster went off-the-record and confirmed the surveillance/reconnaissance aspects of MOL. Of the few committee members present at the time only Representative Melvin Price and a staff member Mr. Earl Morgan had previously been DORIAN briefed.

On 8 May 1969, Secretary Hansen and General McNickle appeared before the same Committee. The afternoon session was chaired by Representative Philbin who is DORIAN briefed. During the discussion, Representative Dickinson (no previous exposure to DORIAN facts) began to press Secretary Hansen on the MOL mission. Mr. Blandford, DORIAN briefed staff member, interceded, but in so doing disclosed the fact that the Chairman controlled access of Committee members to certain restricted information. This disclosure produced a fairly strong reaction by other Committee members present.

Mr. Blandford discussed the events of the afternoon of 8 May session with Chairman Rivers. We understand that the Chairman has elected to request a DORIAN briefing for the full

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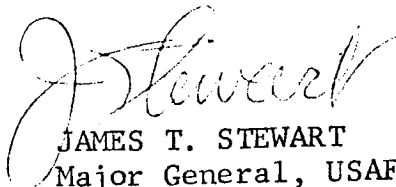
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Committee and this request has been directed to Mr. Jack Stempler, OSD, Legislative Affairs. This will involve the DORIAN briefing of approximately 28 additional Committee members.



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cc: Gen Murphy
Mr. Hansen

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