

16 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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that this was perhaps the best way to handle it, inasmuch as in his capacity of Legislative Liaison, it would best satisfy congressional requirements. Major Tacker will draft an Air Force press release, clearing it through the various sections of the Air Force, and will then submit it tolder. Carrifor Agency review, [Nr. Carrifull consult with the Office of Security, [Nr. Strong,] and the undersigned when he receives the draft press release.

- 6. The Air Force representatives believe that much of the trouble they have been having with Major Keyhoe along these same lines could be alleviated if the Major did not have such important personages as Vica Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN (Rat.), former DCI, on the board of governors of his organization. They suggested that perhaps if the Admiral was shown the Secret panel report he would understand and take appropriate actions. (Ar. [Cary] said that he would relate this suggestion to Mr. Houston [General Coursel).
- 7. Kajor Boland suggested that it might be advisable to contact the panel members to consider a rewording of the panel report somewhat along the lines that Dr. Menzel suggested in his letter to all the members of the panel. Dr. Menzel has received the unclassified version from Mr. Leon Davidson. (Mr. Strong licels that this may be inadvisable at the present time, Thasmuch as the report has already been raise available to the public and any change may arouse suspicion. However, he will contact Dr. Robertson and discuss this.

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