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ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER

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NOMINATION AS DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE OF ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER

The Select Committee on Intelligence, to which was referred the nomination of Admiral Stansfield Turner, of Illinois, to be the Director of Central Intelligence, having considered the same, reports favorably therein and recommends that the nomination be confirmed.

BACKGROUND OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Admiral Turner's nomination was sent to the Senate by President Carter on February 10, 1977 and referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence on the same day. On February 10 public announcement was made and printed in the Congressional Record that a hearing would be held on February 22 and that all those who wished to testify were so invited. Hearings were held on February 22. All who indicated a desire to appear were notified and testimony and statements were received from all witnesses present.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1977, the committee met in public session. By unanimous vote (and by a majority of those present and forming a quorum of the Committee) it was agreed to report favorably to the Senate the nomination of Adm. Stansfield Turner.

ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

In an opening statement, the chairman of the committee, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, outlined the committee's expectations for a new Director of Central Intelligence and stated:

The national intelligence system requires a leader that will be able to direct the activities of the many highly complex organizations in the national intelligence community * * * The position of the Director of Central Intelligence requires the ability to manage, to set priorities and to allocate resources * * * The most important duty of the Director * * * is to provide the President and the national leadership, in both the executive and legislative branches with the best information and analysis of that information available to the United States Government. Independence of mind, mature judgment and an analytic bent are qualities that must be possessed by the Director * * *

It will be the task of the Director of Central Intelligence to assure that our national intelligence system * * * will work under the Constitution and the law. A close working relationship between the Director * * * and the committee is vitally important * * * if the public is to have the confidence that necessarily secret activities of the United States are being conducted in conformity with the Constitution and the law and with the purpose of strengthening our free democratic society.

Admiral Turner was introduced by Senator Adlai Stevenson. Later in the day Senator Charles Percy of Illinois testified before the committee in favor of Admiral Turner's confirmation.

In morning and afternoon sessions the members of the committee questioned Admiral Turner on numerous issues, among them, possible conflicts created by serving both as an active military officer and as Director of Central Intelligence; the relationship between the DCI and the oversight responsibilities of the Senate Select Committee as set forth in Senate Resolution 400; the authority for and the restraints upon clandestine activities; the overall quality of U.S. intelligence production; the relationship between the DCI and the President; the necessity to protect the civil liberties of American citizens; and the need for statutory charters for the intelligence agencies.

In response to committee questioning, Admiral Turner agreed not to seek the offices of Chief of Naval Operations or Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff when these become vacant in 1978, and he recognized the committee's concern for continuity of leadership in the national intelligence community. He indicated his willingness to provide the select committee with full and timely information on CIA covert action and clandestine collection programs. He promised to work with this committee in considering new statutory charters for the intelligence agencies, and he evidenced real concern, both in his opening statement and in his answers to questions, for the need to insure that intelligence activities do not adversely affect the constitutional or legal rights of American citizens.

Admiral Turner assured the committee on the basis of discussions with President Carter that he will have regular access to the President and that he will provide the President with detailed and objective information. He recognized the need for any Director of Central Intelligence to be ready to resign rather than to implement directives which he believes are unconstitutional, illegal, or in conflict with his moral standards. Finally, Admiral Turner expressed his determination to produce national intelligence which is objective, which acknowledges diverse viewpoints within the intelligence community, and which elucidates the rationales for those contrasting views. Admiral Turner will respond in writing to a series of other questions submitted by the committee. His responses will be published in the committee's hearing record.

Following Admiral Turner's testimony, the committee heard statements from Mr. David Cohen, president of Common Cause; Mr. John Marks, project director of the Center for National Security Studies; and Mr. Richard Cohen of the U.S. Labor Party.

In view of Admiral Turner's demonstrated leadership abilities, his awareness of the need to strengthen the effectiveness of the national intelligence community, and to improve the quality of the information and analysis it produces for the President and the Congress, his pledge to work closely with the Select Committee in all matters mandated by Senate Resolution 400, and his strongly expressed commitment to conduct this Nation's intelligence activities under the Constitution and the law, the committee recommended that Admiral Turner be confirmed by the Senate.

ROLLCALL VOTE

FOR

AGAINST

Inouye
Goldwater
Bayh
Stevenson
Hathaway
Huddleston
Biden
Morgan
Hart
Moynihan
Case
Garn
Mathias
Pearson
Chafee
Lugar
Wallop

APPENDIX

The Select Committee on Intelligence submits a two-part Questionnaire and Financial Disclosure Statement to each nominee for the positions of Director of Central Intelligence and the present statutory position of Deputy Director. Part I appears below and consists of responses to questions relating to personal background, qualifications, and general financial arrangements.

Part II consists of specific financial data, which the committee requested in part because the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 allows the Director of Central Intelligence exceptional discretion over the disbursement of funds. Part II is available for public inspection at the offices of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Admiral Turner has informed the select committee that he will place his investments in a blind trust under the guidelines established by the administration for Level II and Cabinet appointments. He indicated he will disclose the details of his trust arrangements in the near future.

**PERSONAL BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS, AND
GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

PART I.

Name (Including any former names used): TURNER, Stansfield
NONE (Last) (First)
 (Other)

Address (List current residence and mailing address: Commander in Chief,
Allied Forces Southern Europe, Box 1, FPO NEW YORK 09524 (Office)
Villa Nike, Via Scipione Capecce, 8, Naples, Italy (Residence)

Position to which nominated: Director of Central Intelligence Date of nomination: February 7, 1977

Date of birth: 1 DEC 1923 Place of birth Chicago, Illinois
 (Day) (Month) (Year)

Marital status: Married Full name of spouse (including any
Patricia Busby Turner; at time of marriage
 former names used by spouse): Patricia Busby Whitney (widow)

Name and ages of children: Daughter: Laurel Echevarria, 31
Son: Geoffrey Whitney Turner, 28

Education:	Institution	Dates attended	Degrees received	Dates of degrees
	<u>Amherst College</u>	<u>1941-1943</u>	<u>Honorary Doctorate</u>	<u>June 1976</u>
	<u>U. S. Naval Academy</u>	<u>1943-1946</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>June 1946</u>
	<u>Oxford University</u>	<u>1947-1950</u>	<u>Master of Arts</u>	<u>Feb 1950</u>
	<u>Harvard Business School</u>	<u>Feb-May 1966</u>	<u>None - Graduate of Advanced Management Program</u>	
	<u>Roger Williams College</u>	<u>Bristol, Rhode Island</u>	<u>Honorary Doctorate</u>	<u>May 1976</u>

Honors and awards: List below all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, military medals, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognitions for outstanding service or achievement.

Rhodes Scholar; Honorary Doctorate Degree, Amherst College
Amherst, Massachusetts; Honorary Doctorate Degree, Roger
Williams College, Bristol, Rhode Island; Three Legion of
Merit Medals; One Bronze Star Medal with Combat V

Memberships: List below all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, business, scholarly, civic, charitable and other organizations.

Organization	Office held (if any)	Dates
Council on Foreign Relations New York, New York	None	
International Institute for Strategic Studies, London	None	
U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Maryland	None	
U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Asso., Annapolis, Maryland	None	
Association of American Rhodes Scholars	None	

Employment record: List below all positions held since high school, including the title or description of job, name of employer, location of work, and dates of inclusive employment.

U. S. Navy: 1943-Date

Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy: 1943-1946

Naval Officer, 1946-Date

Government
experience:

List any experience in or direct association with Federal, State, or local governments, including any advisory, consultative, honorary or other part-time service or positions.

U. S. Navy: 1946-Date

Published
writings:

List the titles, publishers and dates of books, articles, reports or other published materials you have written.

"The Naval Balance: Not Just a Numbers Game"

(Foreign Affairs magazine, Winter 1977)

"The Missions of the Navy"

(U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, Summer 1973)

"The United States at a Strategic Crossroads"

(U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings, December 1972)

Political
affiliations
and activities:

List all memberships and offices held in or financial contributions and services rendered to all political parties or election committees during the last ten years.

None.

Qualifications: State fully your qualifications to serve in the position to which you have been named.

My qualifications for the position of Director of Central Intelligence derive from my thirty years of government service as a naval officer. In that service I have been a frequent user of intelligence at successively higher levels of command. I have also been a manager of sizeable assets, ranging from individual ships to NATO's Southern Command with over 800,000 men from five nations. I believe that those experiences enable me to place national intelligence in proper perspective and to exercise the leadership and managerial skills to cope with a program of the magnitude of the DCI's.

Potential Conflict of Interest

Please describe any employment, investment, association, or activity which might create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

As far as it can be foreseen, state your plans after completing government service. Please state specifically any agreements or understandings, written or unwritten, concerning employment after leaving government service, in particular concerning agreements, understandings or options to return to your current position.

My plans are to continue on active duty in the United States Navy.

Upon completion of my intended position, I will be available for reassignment as desired by the President and the Secretary of Defense. I have made no agreements or understandings, either written or unwritten, concerning employment after I leave active military service.

Describe the financial arrangements you have made or plan to make, if you are confirmed, in connection with severance from your current position. Please include severance pay, pension rights, stock options, deferred income arrangements, and any and all compensation that will or might be received in the future as a result of your current position or your past business or professional relationships.

There will be no financial arrangements made in connection with severance from my current position. I intend to remain on active duty and there is no severance pay involved. Pension rights are those authorized anyone with my length of military service.

Please list below all corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, or other entities toward which you have fiduciary obligations or in which you hold directorships or other positions of trust.

None.

Have you been an attorney for, or a representative or registered agent of, a foreign government, or any entity under the control of a foreign government? In your present position are you formally associated with individuals who are attorneys for, or representatives or registered agents of, foreign governments or entities? If the answer to either or both questions is year, please describe each relationship on a separate sheet.

No. _____

Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

My stocks and bonds will be placed in a blind trust.

