

Mr. Chairman, it is appropriate to note that a draft of the staff report just read was submitted to the CIA for declassification. Within two days, the CIA declassified the entire draft, requiring only a few minor changes and the deletion of the names of Agency personnel and sources.

The Committee provided both the FBI and CIA with copies of the report and asked the agencies if they wished to respond to the report at a public hearing on September 15. The FBI informed the Committee that no response would be submitted. The CIA has sent John Limond Hart as its official representative to state the Agency's position on the Committee's Nosenko report.

Mr. Hart is a career agent with the CIA, having served approximately 24 years. He has held the position of Chief of Station in Korea, Thailand, Morocco and Vietnam, as well as several senior posts at CIA Headquarters. Mr. Hart had considerable experience with Soviet intelligence and counter-intelligence activities while serving in various capacities in the United States and abroad. He has written two extensive studies on Soviet defectors, one of which, dated 1976, dealt with the handling of Yuri Nosenko by the CIA.