

TO AMEND FURTHER THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ACT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1965

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10:20 a.m., in room H-322, the Capitol, Hon. Thomas E. Morgan (chairman) presiding.

Chairman MORGAN. The committee will come to order.

The committee meets this morning in executive session for the continuation of the hearings on H.R. 2998, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency bill. Our witness this morning is the Honorable William C. Foster, the Director of the Arms Control Agency.

I want to make a few remarks for the benefit of the new members. This is an executive session. Mr. Foster has some very highly classified testimony today that involves security. What you hear in this room today is for your ears alone. Mr. Foster has asked me if some of this could be completely off the record. He wants to speak very frankly.

I have given him permission to notify the stenographer whenever he wishes that part of the testimony to be off the record and it will not be recorded.

You may proceed, Mr. Director.

STATEMENT OF HON. WILLIAM C. FOSTER, DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think perhaps I would start with some further discussion of the nuclear explosion of the Soviet Union. I would ask therefore, Mr. Chairman, that if I may I would like this part of it to go off the record since it does contain some highly classified information.

Mr. MONAGAN. Could we ask Mr. Foster to speak a little louder?

Mr. FOSTER. I would like to go off the record on this part of it since it contains some highly classified information.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mrs. BOLTON. The matter of the closing of 95 military bases by the Department of Defense, and 80 of those are in the United States, what can you tell us about the influence upon the strength of the United States? We know perfectly well that Russia and the other Communist nations know only one language, and that is the language of force and power. How much does this influence our situation in the world?