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Senator Frear: Thank you, Mr. Kelly. The members of Congress, like millions of other Americans, are enjoying renewed confidence this week following the successful launching of our first Earth satellite. Throughout the busy committee rooms and legislative chambers, members of the Senate and House are noting in particular the favorable international reaction that has followed the long-awaited success at Cape Canaveral. The biggest immediate effect was more psychological, perhaps, than scientific because it has demonstrated to other nations throughout the world, and especially those close to the Iron Curtain, that the United States is moving determinedly to equalize the earlier achievement of the Soviet Union. With satellite Explorer now whirling around the Earth, and with the expectation that additional launchings will follow soon, Congress is continuing to devote its major attention to this and other aspects of the defense program. Among them, the question of certain military reorganization procedures, designed to streamline and improve the efficiency of our planning and operational facilities. It is evident from the tone of various congressional spokesmen that Congress intends to concern itself directly with reorganization proposals that are put forward with regard to our defense establishment. This is a natural and logical interest on the part of Congress since it must appropriate the necessary funds to carry out the decisions that are reached. Meanwhile, attention is also being directed this week to new developments in the troubled Middle East, where Syria and Egypt have joined together, forming what is known as the United Arab Republic. In addition, current news reports indicate the possibility that the kingdom of Yemen, located on the Arabian Peninsula, may also be considering an association with the New Republic. Significantly, Yemen is separated from Egypt by the huge kingdom of Saudi Arabia: a territory rich in oil, but with a ruler who is friendly to the United States. Both Congress and our diplomatic representatives abroad are watching these new Middle East developments with great care because of the relationship which the Soviet Union has with Premier Nasser of Egypt. The Kremlin’s persistent efforts to infiltrate this turbulent area has
precipitated serious crises in the past. The possibility that this newest alliance could further heighten tensions throughout Europe and the Middle East is not being overlooked. This is especially true because of the fact that oil continues to be an urgently-needed commodity for the entire world. In this connection, we note the growing support for a new summit conference and for broadening cultural exchanges between this country and the Soviet Union. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that up to the present time, there has been no demonstrated change in Russian policy toward the free world, and we must strive zealously against being again lulled into the belief that the Soviet leaders have had a change of heart. It will be recalled that prior to the Geneva Conference, great expectations were voiced that Communist Russia was truly desirous of easing East-West tensions. But since that meeting, we have seen the tragedy in Hungary and other gestures on the part of the Soviet Union which indicate that its philosophy of world conquest is basically the same, as it has been since the time of Lenin and later Stalin. Peace and preparedness by the United States must continue to be our necessary goals, and I believe that the majority of the American people, in the face of current world events, will not lose sight of these objectives, but will continue to work toward their fulfillment in a spirit of united dedication to our way of life.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his regular report to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. Senator Frear will be heard again next week at this same time, speaking from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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