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MEETING WITH SOVIET ANALYSTS

DATE: November 13, 1985
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm
FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *DFM/jc*

I. PURPOSE

To provide you with the intelligence community's assessment of Soviet politico-military strategy, Gorbachev's objectives for his meeting with you, and domestic stresses impacting on Soviet decision-making.

II. BACKGROUND

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- [REDACTED] One of the best analysts on Soviet domestic policy in the Central Intelligence Agency. [REDACTED] will discuss the internal Soviet situation, focusing on domestic stresses facing Gorbachev, and how these factors may influence his foreign and defense policies.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Attached at Tab A.

cc Vice President
Don Regan

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IV. PRESS PLAN

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Tab A - Participants List

Prepared by:
Tyrus W. Cobb

PARTICIPANTS LIST FOR MEETING WITH SOVIET ANALYSTS

Wednesday, November 13, 1985
(Time to be determined)

The President
The Vice President
Donald T. Regan
Robert C. McFarlane
William J. Casey, DCI
Robert Gates, Deputy Director, CIA
Fritz Ermarth, NIO For Soviet Affairs, CIA
[REDACTED] Soviet Analyst, CIA
Jack F. Matlock
Tyrus W. Cobb (notetaker)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: *Jack F. Matlock* JACK F. MATLOCK/TYRUS W. COBB *Tyrus W. Cobb*

SUBJECT: Briefing Memo for President's Meeting with Soviet Analysts -- Wednesday, November 13, 1985

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President, providing background for his Wednesday meeting with the Soviet Analysts from CIA. Your memo gives brief bio information on the analysts, and outlines areas expected to be covered in the session.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you review and forward the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. That you review your suggested talking points for the meeting at Tab II.

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Jwd *Kd*
Bob Linnard and Ken deGraffenreid concur.

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- Tab I Memo to the President
- Tab A - Participants List
- Tab II Your Suggested Talking Points

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