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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : [redacted], USAF, Acting National Intelligence Officer for USSR-EE 25X1

SUBJECT : Work Program on Brezhnev's Threat

1. In a 16 March speech Brezhnev threatened to place the US "in an analogous position" if the US persisted with its European INF modernization plans. In light of the potential importance of that threat, I have organized some interagency research efforts on it. I have divided up the work into the following research topics.

Subject	Being Done By
What could Brezhnev mean by placing the US in "an analogous position"	CIA/OSWR
Other Soviet statements on the subject	CIA/ACIS
The status of the 1962 US-USSR misunderstandings	CIA/SOVA
What would the Soviets need to do to deploy land-based systems to Central America	DIA
What would the political and military purposes of such a deployment be	Competitive Analysis: CIA/SOVA, DIA, and State/INR
Receptivity of Castro and other potential hosts to such a deployment	NIO/LA

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2. As you can see the first two subjects are broad whereas the last four focus on land-based systems in the Caribbean--which would be the most aggressive way to carry out the threat. The various analyses will be sent to me the week of 5 April. I will then discuss them with interested NIOs, DDI components, DIA and INR. We shall jointly decide on where we should go from there. My objective is to get all the initial analytical efforts done in a well-thought out, timely, but low-key manner.

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