

16 December 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the President-Elect

1. On 11 December the DCI briefed the President-elect at Blair House. The Vice-President-elect was not present, but Messrs. Meese, Casey, Allen and Murphy were. The DCI was accompanied by Ambassador Holdridge, [redacted] and Bruce Clarke.

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2. The subjects briefed were the Soviet economy and the Sino-Soviet-Vietnamese relationship. At the end of the economy presentation, the DCI made a brief statement on the strategic balance. Although at the beginning of the session it had been decided that Poland would not be covered, as had originally been planned, a few minutes were spent on Poland at the end.

3. The DCI did not give the briefing on sources and methods that had originally been requested. He proposed to the President-elect that he give this briefing at some point in the future to Governor Reagan and Ambassador Bush only. The decision was left open as to whether this briefing would be given or not.

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Briefings for President-elect Reagan
Issues for DCI Decision

I. Attendees (briefers, backup, etc.)

<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Who Briefs</u>
● Organization (CIA + IC)	DCI
● Poland	
● Iran-Iraq War	
● Iran Hostages	
● Afghanistan	
● Nicaragua - El Salvador	
● Middle East (Israel - Saudi Arabia)	
● Strategic Force Balance	
● NATO Pact Balance	
● Soviet Economy	

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II. Graphics

- Page size
- Need to review Friday p.m.; Saturday a.m.

III. Next version of talking points (2-3 pages max) COB Friday.
Meeting with DCI 0900 Saturday.

Categories of Possible Intelligence Briefings for President-Elect

I. Current issues with near term policy implications.

Poland
Iran-Iraq war
Iran - hostages
Afghanistan
Nicaragua - El Salvador
Middle East - Israel, Saudi Arabia

II. Longer term issues fundamental to US foreign policy.

Strategic force balance
NATO-Warsaw Pact military balance
Soviet economy
State of NATO Alliance
China - economy, leadership

III. Current operational involvements.

Afghanistan
Iran
China

IV. Current issues with policy implications in the midterm

Zimbabwe
Kampuchea
Lebanon
World energy situation
Philippines
Pakistan
Yemens
Somalia
Turkey
Morocco

V. Background on intelligence

Technologies & Capabilities

Photo satellites
Electronic signals intelligence
Cryptography
Telemetry
Human intelligence
Liaison and cooperative intelligence activities with foreign
governments
Special Navy operations
Covert actions