

Executive Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Policy Implications of Soviet Succession

1. I'd like a little talking paper on the policy implications of the succession in the Soviet Union. Who would be likely to:

-- give a higher degree of attention to their economic problems?

-- make concessions to achieve arms control?

-- tone down adventurism in far-off places?

-- be more aggressive in military buildup and in going to far-off places?

-- be sensitive to the internal ethnic minorities, dissident and social problems?

2. How do we think the following of a hard line versus a broader soft line is likely to affect the chances of a particular candidate making the succession?

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