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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Suggested Publication by Senator Magnuson's Commerce Committee of CIA Presentation to the President's Committee on US Trade with Eastern Europe

1. Ed Fried, who is a member of the State Department Policy Planning Council and who recently was Executive Secretary on the President's Special Committee on US Trade Relations with Eastern Europe, (the Miller Committee) called me this morning to relay a request from a staff member of Senator Magnuson's Commerce Committee that certain supporting documents prepared for the Miller Committee be published under the Commerce Committee's auspices.

2. Fried felt there were only two or three papers that would lend themselves to such publication and that one of these would include the CIA briefing materials. In Fried's opinion, while publication of these papers would make some contribution to public knowledge on the subject, this contribution would not be terribly significant. The conclusions of these background papers have already been published in the Miller report and, in addition, the Fulbright Committee has recently published an extensive background study (to which we contributed) on the same subject. I advised Fried that, if we were obliged to release our material for publication, it would involve some redrafting, not only because of the security classification -- a serious problem in only one or two sections -- but also because it was prepared as a group of briefing papers which were expanded and modified during both the briefing and the question period. I told Fried that if he were not able to hold off the pressure for publication a policy decision would have to be made here as to whether the material should be released; in what form; and with what -- if any -- attribution to the Agency. This seemed reasonable to him and he indicated that we could consider this a dead issue unless we heard from him in the near future.

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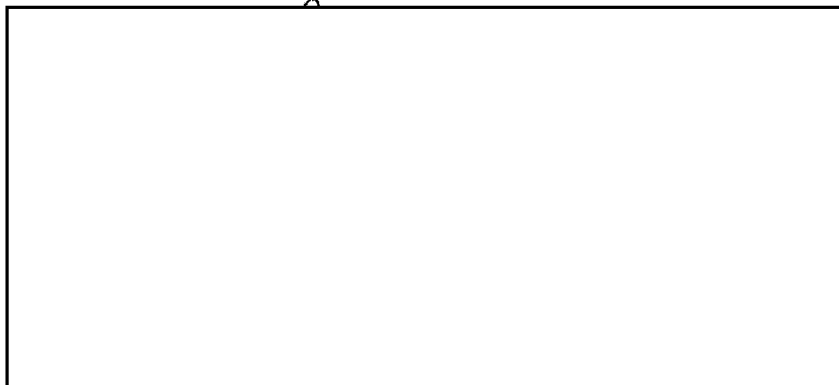
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