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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Joseph Wolf, Special Assistant Legislative and Public Affairs, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State, Re Request From James Lowenstein and Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff, for Information on Agency Personnel and SNIE for

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1. Mr. Joseph Wolf called this afternoon to say that in his conversations with James Lowenstein and Richard Moose concerning their upcoming trip to Southeast Asia the staff members had asked him for certain figures on Agency personnel abroad. (In response to a request from the Foreign

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3. The staff then asked State for a "copy of the SNIE for [Redacted] and State Department's note on it."

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4. I told Mr. Wolf that both these requests raised questions which could be answered only after clearance with the Director who is presently out of town but who will return on 4 January (three days prior to the scheduled departure of Lowenstein and Moose on 7 January). I added that while it

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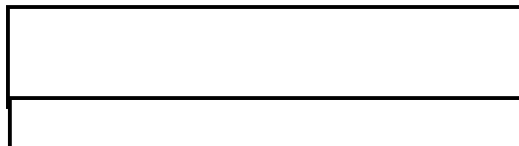
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had been agreed we would provide Agency personnel figures to Chairman Fulbright, it was quite another matter to provide these figures to Committee staff personnel and I seriously doubted the Director would agree to this. Mr. Wolf commented in this regard that if we didn't provide the figures to Lowenstein and Moose before their departure he was sure the staff would request this information from our people when they meet with them abroad. I told Wolf we would give appropriate guidance to our stations on this subject when the issue was resolved. I also told Mr. Wolf that I had reservations about State's providing their note on the SNIE. I told him if State's note referred to the SNIE I thought this was a matter that would have to be cleared with the Director or taken up with USIB. If this was merely State Department's memorandum on the subject covered by the SNIE, this might be a different matter. Mr. Wolf appreciated this point and said he would pass it on to Mr. David Marks.

5. It is interesting to note that in his conversation with me Mr. Wolf mentioned that the State Department is trying to increase the flow of State Department intelligence notes in order to keep the Committee more fully informed and therefore they have encouraged their people to provide the kind of note which the staffers have requested.

6. I told Mr. Wolf we would have no objection to his telling Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose that the questions he had raised can be resolved only after consultation with the Director and this could not be accomplished until after 4 January. I added that in the meantime we might be in touch with these staff members directly. Mr. Wolf asked only that we advise him or Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, of our decision on the two issues.



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