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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : OSR Support to ACDA for Senator Gore

1. I attach a copy of the letter from Gerry Smith to Senator Gore which responds to the Senator's questions on comparisons of rates of spending by the US and USSR for strategic forces. The letter is based primarily on data supplied by OSR and has been coordinated with the Department of Defense. It will present no conflicts with the testimony already provided to various Congressional committees by Mr. Helms and Secretary Laird.

2. The attachment to Smith's letter is a paper by Abraham Becker on Soviet resource allocation considerations. It contains, on pages 7 through 10, a useful statement on the problem of comparisons of defense efforts in the two countries. We suggested that ACDA call the Becker monograph to Senator Gore's attention rather than undertake a lengthy discussion of the comparison problem in the letter.

3. I am sending a copy of Gerry Smith's letter and the attachment to Jack Maury.



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Attachment:
Letter and attachment
from Gerry Smith to
Senator Gore

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