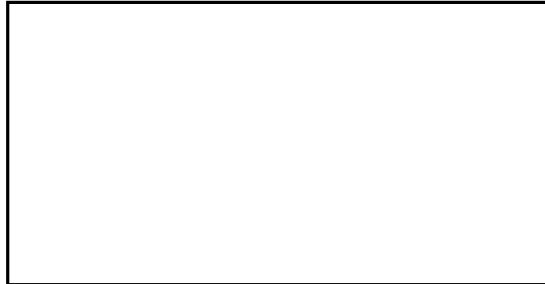


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NIE 11-5-59: Soviet Capabilities in Guided
Missiles and Space Vehicles

I. The Hyland Panel

1. The Hyland panel on the status of the Soviet ICBM will meet on August 24 - 26. GMAIC's report on the Soviet ICBM will be ready for this panel to use.

2. A special meeting of USIB is to be arranged for Wednesday, August 26, to hear and discuss the Hyland panel's findings.

II. Early submission to USIB of certain sections of the missile estimate.

3. The complete missile estimate (NIE 11-5-59) almost certainly will not be ready for USIB action before mid-October. Yet it is highly desirable that the ICBM, IRBM, and fleet ballistic missile sections of this paper be approved by USIB and available during

September. GMAIC's work on these parts of the paper is already nearly finished, but there are major disagreements concerning the ICBM which GMAIC is not likely to settle.

4. We therefore ask USIB to agree that the top secret summary and conclusions concerning the ICBM, IRBM, and fleet ballistic missile sections of NIS 11-5-59 be submitted to USIB as soon as possible after the Hyland panel reports on 26 August, and not later than 8 September. After approval by USIB these sections will be made available to those having immediate need for them. They will not be printed and given regular dissemination, however, until the remaining parts of the missile estimate pass USIB, and the whole can be printed and distributed as one document.

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