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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

Subject: NIE 11-8-61

1. The Secretary of Defense has expressed extreme interest in the possibilities of re-examination of all evidence on Soviet missile strength to assure the narrowest possible range of estimates consistent with a reasonable interpretation of available data. His interest, of course, is concerned primarily with the Soviet ICBM estimate.

2. Preliminary work has already started on NIE 11-8-61 "Soviet Capabilities for Long-Range Attack," currently scheduled by USIB for completion in April 1961. It is considered that this is the best vehicle to resolve this question of narrowing the ICBM differences in the estimates.

3. However, it is understood that some slippages have already occurred in the development of this estimate. In view of the direct interest of the Secretary of Defense in a rework of the Soviet missile estimate it is requested that all USIB members make every effort to meet the scheduled completion date of NIE 11-8-61 and give special priority to the ICBM aspects.

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Major General, USAF  
Director for Intelligence

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**Remarks:**

Here is the original of the General Breitweiser letter, a copy of which you received from us on 28 March.

*As per letter to USIB (USIB-D-13.1/3,*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

A copy of this letter has already been sent  
to Bob Amory for his information and necessary  
action. After you have noted, I will show this  
to General Cabell.

AAB  
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