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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution  
FROM : PB/NSC Coordinator  
SUBJECT : DCI Pre-Briefs (U)

1. Presidential Briefings. The next Presidential Briefing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 24 September. We hope to receive confirmation early next week. The primary candidate for that briefing is the Arabian Peninsula Security topic that has been discussed with the DCI and under development for the past few weeks. There may be other topics the Director will want to cover at the next briefing but none have been specifically identified as yet. 25

2. Subjects of DCI Interest. The Director has indicated that, even though there is some uncertainty regarding the Presidential Briefing schedule, he would like to continue to meet to discuss various subjects of interest both for his own benefit and to screen possible briefing topics. He has divided the topics of interest into two categories: one includes those subjects for which he simply wants to meet with concerned individuals and have a discussion (no papers need be prepared in advance); the other includes subjects for which he would like to have one- to two-page thrust outlines prepared--upon his review of these he will indicate whether he would like to have a session to talk them over. In order to meet the Director's desire to continue to meet with analysts, etc., we will attempt to schedule at least one Pre-Brief session with the Director each week unrelated to specific Presidential Briefing preparations. Next week there are tentatively scheduled two such periods: on Monday, 15 September, 1430-1600, and Friday, 19 September, 1000-1130 (if there is to be a Presidential Briefing on 24 September, the 19 September meeting will most likely be devoted to subjects specifically under consideration for that Briefing).

a. Topics for discussion only (no thrust outlines)

(1) For the Monday, 15 September, 1430-1600 Pre-Brief:

- Nicaragua: Current situation; is revolution in trouble? being exported? general update.
- El Salvador: General update; is US policy working? what next?
- Philippines: Internal situation; are there forces for change? their prospects.

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(2) Other subjects for discussion--dates/times to be determined:

- European Community: trends.
- Germany: Post-election outlook
- Argentina: Moving toward or away from the US? Growing role in Central America? General update.
- Chile: Prospects; results of constitutional ratification; Frei's new position; effect on US policy
- Current prospects for Middle East Peace

b. Topics for which 1-2 page thrust outlines are to be prepared.

(1) By COB Tuesday, 16 September:

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- What we know about the use of BW/CW: e.g. Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Laos
- China: Does NPC and/or US campaign suggest any changes in US-PRC relationship?

(2) By 1200, Friday, 19 September:

- Prospects for Namibia
- Turkey: Where is it going?
- Jamaica: Will it be Manley or Seaga?
- Update on situation on Korean Peninsula
- Prospects for  dialogue
- Effect of NPT conference on US policy
- Soviet mobilization planning and potential (based on recent study)

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3. It is possible that, due to emerging crises, changes to the schedule of briefings and/or the topics to be covered will occur. We will notify those concerned of any such changes as soon as they are known.

4. Attendance at the discussion sessions should be limited to those who are going to participate in any discussion but will include representatives from NFAC, NIOs, DDO, NCPO (CTS).

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5. Please ensure dissemination to involved individuals.

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