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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Henry S. Rowen
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SUBJECT: Proposal for a Political-Military Advisory Panel

1. This group is to be a sounding board and source of advice on a wide range of political-military matters. Its central focus should be on interactions between the Soviet Union and other countries and regions; for example, Soviet aims and actions toward Iran and the Persian Gulf, Sino-Soviet relations, Soviet policy towards Europe, etc.

2. This group will complement two other principal advisory groups, MEAP and STAP. MEAP's central focus is the Soviet economy, and its composition reflects this focus, although it has dealt with a wider set of topics. STAP deals almost entirely with technical matters. There is, in addition, a panel which advises on the major strategic forces estimate, 11-3/8. This, too, is a narrowly-focused enterprise which would not overlap very much, if at all, the proposed new panel.

3. Like the MEAP and STAP this panel would be advisory to the DCI. The NIC would be responsible for organizing the meetings, preparing materials and disseminating panel reports.

4. has agreed to help organize the panel and to chair it. We have discussed names and propose the following tentative list: 25X1

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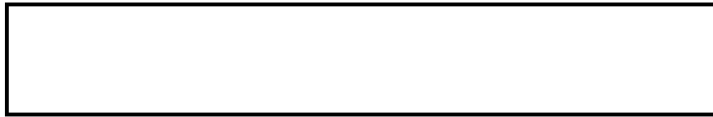
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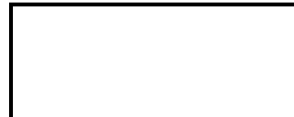
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5. The panel would probably meet three times a year for two days each time. Sub-groups can be put together to tackle specific analytic problems, produce reports and critique in-house products.



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