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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : SA/IA

SUBJECT : [redacted] Briefing on the Soviet Threat [redacted] 25X1

1. In order to backstop you for today's NSC meeting, I poked around to see what I could learn about [redacted] briefing on the Soviet Threat. [redacted] 25X1

2. According to [redacted] you heard his briefing during your visit to DIA several months ago. It is a briefing that he updates periodically and is given to senior U.S. and Allied officials. It focuses essentially on current developments in Soviet strategic and general purpose forces and includes a lot of good imagery--a sort of "gee whiz" presentation. [redacted] 25X1

3. Two [redacted] people went over the briefing this morning with John and found no significant problems with the content. John necessarily has condensed the briefing for the President and focuses mostly on strategic developments. Our people certify that John is in basic agreement with current Intelligence Community judgments, particularly those being included in this year's Strategic Estimate (NIE 11-3/8). [redacted] and Evan Hineman mention that John always has been careful to base his presentation on Community findings and invites CIA review. [redacted] 25X1

4. Based on the above, you should be able to concur in general with John's briefing, should you be asked. [redacted] 25X1

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cc: DDCI
Executive Director
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