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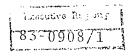
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Mr. John N. McMahon Deputy Director for Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear John:

- (S) It has come to my attention and to the attention of several senior members of the Defense Department that there is disagreement between our two agencies on the issue of Soviet defense expenditures, particularly with regard to procurement outlays during the 1976-81 timeframe. As you know, this is a highly sensitive, important issue that needs to be resolved at the earliest possible time. To that end, our analysts have been meeting and will continue to do so to try to resolve the underlying problems. In the interim, I suggest that both of our agencies refrain from any broad dissemination of papers on this subject. In addition, I believe that the possibility of a national paper, SNIE or IIM, should be looked into. A national paper could substitute for papers done individually by our agencies. In this way we could avoid the misimpressions on this issue that we encountered over the Soviet energy issue.
- (U) Your support in this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. WILLIAMS

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