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General Robert H. Barrow, USMC
Commandant of the Marine Corps
Room 2004, Navy Annex
Arlington, Virginia 20380

Dear General Barrow:

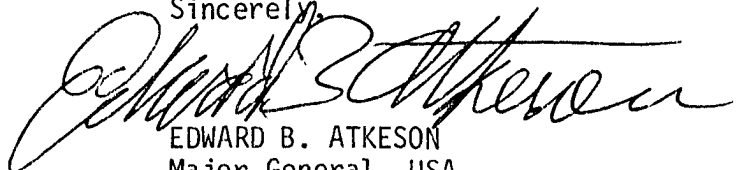
It was a pleasure to meet with you on 26 October and to receive your comments regarding our proposal for an NIE on Soviet forces facing the Persian Gulf region. When we have a concept paper and terms of reference we will forward them for your review.

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During our discussion you expressed an interest in obtaining clear delineation of Soviet forced labor practices. Enclosed is an advanced draft of a CIA statement on the subject which will be released later on this month. You will note that it is unclassified in its entirety, so it should be quite useful for psychological leverage purposes. Of course, it may undergo some slight modification in its final coordination, but any changes are expected to be minor.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure:



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