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The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

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

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth  
National Intelligence Officer for USSR

SUBJECT: Invitation from Harold Brown

1. Harold Brown has asked me to address a seminar group he chairs periodically at SAIS, to introduce a discussion of Soviet views of the US-Soviet relationship (attached are the invitation letter, a list of participants, and an outline of my proposed remarks).

2. Although the subject matter, timing, and participants could make this a slightly tricky occasion, I am confident that I can make a useful contribution while staying out of trouble on policy or security grounds, having done this kind of thing often over the years. I chanced to meet Simon Serfaty the other day -- he supports Harold Brown on this project. He said that Richard Perle spoke to the group entirely off the record, and it would accept those rules if I were permitted to speak.

3. Bob Gates advised that you ought to rule on this one personally. I recommend that you approve my participation.

4. The group is fairly balanced, although I'd characterize its center of gravity as somewhat to the "left" on US-Soviet issues. I've heard from participants that the group is one of the best discussion fora of the many that operate, frequently with the same dramatis personae, in this town. Moreover, Harold Brown is a very responsible figure and will respect the ground rules under which I must operate.

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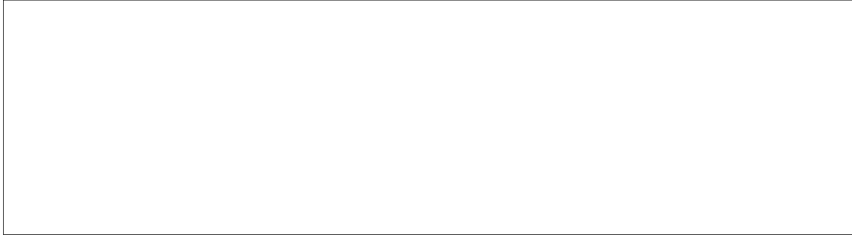
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5. We should be very sparing addressing the policy "intelligentsia" of this town outside the government. But occasionally opportunities come along to raise the sobriety level and, in so doing, to gain respect for the Agency and to make sensible policymaking easier.

6. As you can see from my proposed talk outline, I would focus solely on the Soviet Union and describe the various influences on its policy toward the US currently.



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Comment: *AS PER #3, DCI'S CALL*



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C/NIC Recommendation: Approved 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

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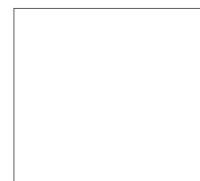
Approved */s/ William J. Casey* 6 DEC 1984

DCI Decision:

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

*Bill/Sohn - This is a useful audience to reach with a dose of realism and, if [ ] is careful, it could be to our net advantage in several ways. I'd let him go + stick to his attached outline (+ watch his Ps+Qs in the Q+A).*

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