

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

11 August 1981

Mr. George B. Lambrakis
Director, Near Eastern and South
Asian Regional Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Lambrakis:

Thank you for your participation in the recent conference on Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence Through the 1980s. I am enclosing a copy of the conference report. I would be happy to have your comments on it or any aspect of the conference proceedings. I look forward to working with you in the future and will value any additional suggestions for improving intelligence in this important area.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Special Assistant for
Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Results of a Recent Conference on Nuclear Proliferation
Intelligence Through the 1980s

A memorandum from the Deputy Director for Central Intelligence and a
conference report are attached for your information.

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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

31 July 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Results of a Recent Conference on Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence Through the 1980s

The two-day conference on the subject, held under the auspices of CIA, National Foreign Assessment Center's Special Assistant for Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence, brought together Washington-community policy and intelligence officials to develop a common understanding of the major issues in policy planning and in directing intelligence activities. Herewith is the report of [redacted] on the results of the conference prepared in the form of a short summary, by region, of findings and issues raised. I recommend your attention to steps that can be taken to ensure that the issues raised in the course of the conference proceedings be incorporated and addressed in the appropriate collection, research, and production programs of your agency.

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B. R. INMAN
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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Conference Report
Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence Through the 1980s



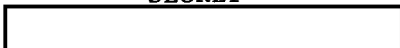
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Conference Report
Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence Through the 1980s

A. Overview

The purpose of the conference was to increase the dialogue between intelligence and policy officials on the range of issues in the area of nuclear proliferation and related security matters. A broad approach was taken which included the status and trends of nuclear developments worldwide as well as a review of the major collection assets of the Intelligence Community. The latter involved the programs and activities of the CIA Operations Directorate, the National Security Agency, the Air Force Technical Applications Center, and imagery intelligence functions and contributions. The main substantive issues that emerged in the course of the conference proceedings are listed in Section J of this report. [REDACTED]

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B. Summary DDCI Remarks

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A fundamental question is how and the pace at which intelligence updates consumers. Better coordination with, and feedback from, consumers is needed. Intelligence is doing a good job on tracking the potential of countries to develop nuclear weapons, but in many cases there are deficiencies when it comes to intentions. Of great importance is information on the thinking about how weapons might be used by countries moving toward their acquisition. [REDACTED]

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C. Summary DD/NFA Remarks

The requisite resources will be given to problem of monitoring nuclear developments worldwide. The nuclear target is a very difficult one. Information is scanty, and security surrounding nuclear programs is so high that it is difficult to make use of information that is collected without risking the exposing of sources. Human sources are the key to uncovering the intentions of policymakers. It is essential that there be interaction between intelligence and policy people especially in the preparation of diplomatic demarches and actions. 

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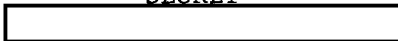


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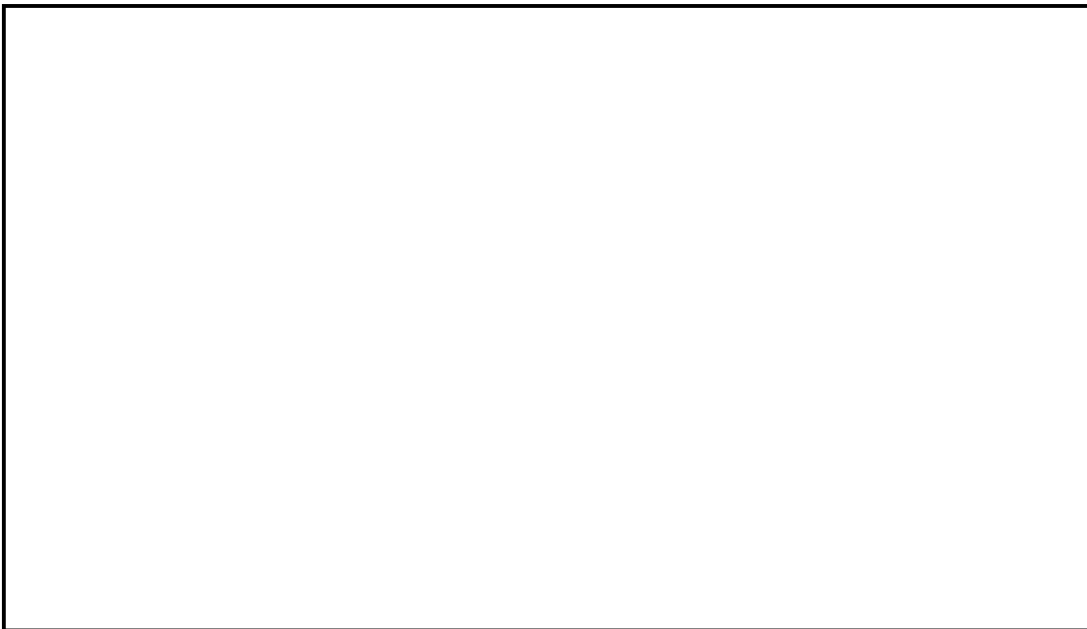
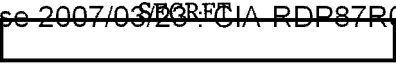
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K. Perspectives of Policy Officials on Intelligence

Since at least 1975, the relationship between intelligence and policy officials was said to be a good example of cooperation in working together to solve a complex and difficult problem. (ACDA) The very impressive intelligence base probably needed to be marketed more effectively. (State/Policy Planning) Intelligence has an excellent grasp of what's happening in countries of concern. (State/Regional Bureau) In certain situations intelligence people have more credibility than policy officials, and therefore great importance is attached to policy-intelligence "team" efforts. (State/INR) Perceptions in the Congress of how other countries see the proliferation problem is lacking. (State/Functional Bureau)

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L. Conference Attendees

Department of State

Mr. John Boright
Ambassador Harry G. Barnes
Mr. George B. Lambrakis
Mr. Jon Thomas
Ambassador Ronald I. Spiers
Mr. Galen Fox

Department of Defense/JCS

Mr. Michael G. Macdonald
Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Skaff, USA



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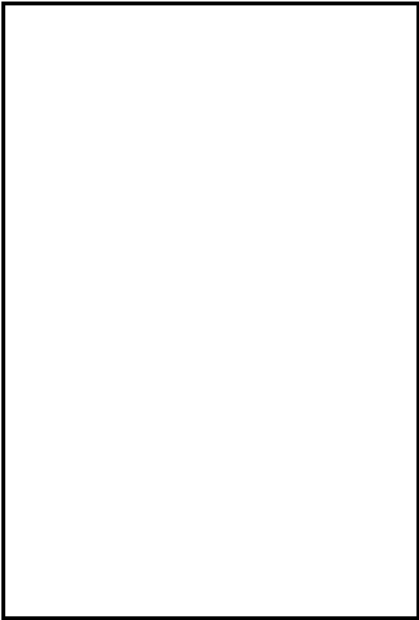
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Department of Energy

Mr. Ben Rusche
Mr. Harold D. Bengelsdorf
Mr. Ralph E. Caudle
Dr. Julio Torres
Mr. Robert Barker (Lawerence
Livermore National Laboratory)

Central Intelligence Agency

Admiral Bobby R. Inman
Mr. John N. McMahon



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Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Mr. Louis V. Nosenzo
Ms. Linda Gallini

Office of Management and Budget

Mr. James A. Nix

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Mr. Kenneth D. Cohen

Defense Intelligence Agency



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National Security Agency



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