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Mr. H. Allen Holmes
Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of European Affairs
Room 6226
Department of State

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I spoke to George Vest a few days ago about the seminar we are holding here at the Agency on 18 September in support of an assessment we are initiating on policy issues between the US and Western Europe in the 1980s. As you will see from the enclosed agenda, we propose to discuss some important questions, and we have found some interesting people to help us do it. George suggested that you might wish to attend -- I would be delighted if you could. If you cannot, I would appreciate your passing the invitation on to whoever you think might most appropriately represent the Bureau. We are of course inviting INR.

Sincerely yours,


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National Intelligence Council Seminar

POLICY ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE IN THE 1980s

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- 10:00-11:15 The shaping economic and social forces in Europe today and tomorrow
- Discussion leaders: Dr. Amitai Etzioni, Dr. Robert Lieber
- 11:15-12:30 The international context -- Western Europe's global interests and perspectives in the next decade
- Discussion leaders: Dr. Andrew Pierre, Dr. George Liska
- 12:30-1:45 Luncheon: Executive Dining Room
- 1:45-3:00 The security dimension -- alternative emphases in West European security policies
- Discussion leaders: Dr. Stanley Hoffmann
- 3:00-4:15 Emergent political trends in Europe in the 1980s
- Discussion leaders: Dr. Guido Goldman
- 4:15-5:30 The prospects for "Europe" -- what kind of Western Europe the US will be dealing with in the next decade -- how organized it will be in dealing with its own problems and with the US
- Discussion leaders: Dr. Ronald Inglehart
- 5:30-7:00 Cocktails and Dinner: Executive Dining Room
- 7:00-9:30 Potential areas of conflict and convergence between the US and Western Europe
- General discussion

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I. The shaping economic and social forces in Europe today and tomorrow

- will the organization of production, the sharing out of the economic and social product, and economic management have the same overriding importance in the 1980s that they acquired in the 1970s?
- in what ways will the dominating problems (inflation, low growth, access to resources and markets, structural obsolescence) and the potential new advantages (better conservation, new technologies, relative social tranquillity) look different, or, remain essentially the same?
- what will be the dominant trends in the search for more effective approaches to these problems: reassertion of free market principles, social management, neo-corporativism, industrial democracy?
- in what significant ways might new social (or cultural) trends impinge on economic management: e.g., aging populations and generational gaps, retreat from consumerism, quality of life movements, environmental enthusiasts, etc.
- what major divergences could appear among the Europeans as those trends unfold, and with what consequences? might traditional social and economic idiosyncrasies gain new vigor? how would Europeans respond?

II. The international context -- Western Europe's global interests and perspectives in the next decade

- in what ways do we see the changing currents in Europe's internal situation translating into fewer, more, or a different set of interests abroad?
- looking both backward and forward, do the Europeans see their evolving relationships with the rest of the free industrialized world becoming more competitive or more cooperative, or both?
- how do the Europeans perceive developments in the US and in their relations with the US affecting the American dimension in global affairs: a declining but still preeminent factor, competitor but essential partner, recuperable manager of the international system, etc.?

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