

22 July 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: NIC Memorandum 82-10006: The United States in
the World Economy: Elements of Strength

1. I find the criticism of NICM 82-10006 quite strong and the defense quite weak. What is your judgment?

2. I fault myself for agreeing to issue this because it runs counter to so much readily observable reality. I thought it contained some good information and useful data and that it would do no harm to let it get circulated. It now seems to me better not to issue something which is so apparently and determinedly pushing a particular slant.


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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Lionel H. Olmer
Under Secretary for International Trade
Department of Commerce

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Council Memorandum 82-10006:
The United States in the World Economy: Elements
of Strength

1. Thanks very much for sending the detailed critique of the NIC Memorandum. The attached response was prepared by the memorandum's authors. I send this as a matter of interest and not to precipitate any continued argumentation.

2. I want to assure you and those who so painstakingly analyzed the paper that this exercise further confirms the need on which we have already agreed to work more closely together in sharing perceptions and assessments. When gets back from vacation next week, I plan to schedule the further meeting we had talked about.

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