

The Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Ashland Speech

This is a very good job. I made a few pencilled suggestions. In addition, I would like a paragraph, probably at the end of page 7, which would deal with the human cost of the Soviet expansionism. You will find data and language on this in my speeches to the Union League Club and the Metropolitan Club of New York, and in a more recent speech a paragraph or so on their geopolitical purposes in the Middle East, southern Africa, and Central America, and the impact on our interests, particularly with respect to refugees and illegal immigration on our southern border. I think you will find this latter subject treated in my speech to APAC and the American Jewish Committee. All of this should add something like another page or two, or maybe a little more.

William J. Casey

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DCI SPEECH
JOHN ASHBROOK CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
ASHLAND COLLEGE
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STUDENTS AND FACULTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE THE GUEST OF ASHLAND COLLEGE AND THE JOHN ASHBROOK CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS. OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE A CONCERTED AND, I BELIEVE, SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO REBUILD THIS NATION'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS OF WHICH I AM MOST PROUD IS THE MANNER IN WHICH WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF OUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IF WE DON'T TAP THE IMPRESSIVE SOURCES OF EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, OUR OWN CAPITAL STOCK OF KNOWLEDGE AND IMAGINATION WILL RAPIDLY DEplete. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS SUCH AS THIS ONE, THE NUMEROUS JOINT CONFERENCES OUR ANALYSTS HOLD WITH THEIR ACADEMIC COUNTERPARTS, AND THE OUTSIDE REVIEW AND CRITIQUE TO WHICH WE SUBMIT MANY OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSESSMENTS ALL KEEP US SHARP AND OPEN TO NEW IDEAS. I HAVE ALREADY SPENT A STIMULATING HOUR WITH THE FELLOWS OF THE ASHBROOK CENTER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS UPON COMPLETION OF MY REMARKS.