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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
FROM: John J. Bird  
National Intelligence Officer for Warning  
SUBJECT: Approval of TDY to US Naval War College

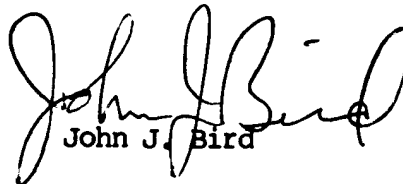
1. Request approval for NIO/W to travel to US Naval War College for participation in seminar discussions and war game sponsored by USMC during the week of 19-23 August 1985.

2. The invitation to participate (see attached) was extended by Lt. Gen. Gray, Commander of II Marine Amphibious Forces and Fleet Marine Forces Europe. The seminar war game is for the purpose, among others, of examining "the criticality of early decision making by the National Command Authority to intelligence indicators in a preconflict environment." The Marines are, of course, most interested in how early decisions might affect the employment and utility of Marine forces in Europe. The seminar war game will evidently also be attended by commanders and staff members of the US Army and various Northern European NATO commands.

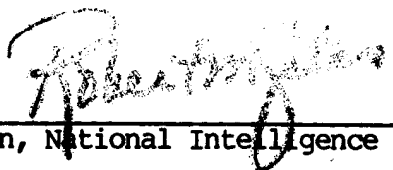
3.  of my staff will represent the NIO/W during my absence.

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4. The Navy will cover all expenses of travel and lodging associated with the above TDY.

  
John J. Bird

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Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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7 August 1985

Dear Mr. Gates:

My command, II Marine Amphibious Force (II MAF), along with commanders and staff members from the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army and various Northern European NATO commands, will be conducting a seminar war game at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, during the week of 19-23 August 1985. I am soliciting the participation of a member of your staff, Mr. John Bird, to play a key role in this war game.

Your agency and I have a mutual interest in the ultimate outcome of this game. During this game and its related works (Flag Officers Seminar June 85, Global War Game 85, and CINCLANT Tactical Command Readiness Program 1-86) we are attempting to analyze and develop maritime and amphibious campaign options which lead to the accomplishment of national objectives. The results of these games will be briefed to members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and National Command Authority personnel by the Naval War College. One of the overall objectives we hope to accomplish is to convince our national decision makers of the criticality of early decision making by the National Command Authority to intelligence indicators in a preconflict environment. My past professional association with Mr. Bird has convinced me that his professional background and experience make him uniquely qualified to play a role in the National Command Authority Cell during our war game.

I realize that lending a man of John's caliber for a week to an outside organization is a tremendous burden on your agency; however, I believe that the mutual benefits to be gained by his participation justify my request. Hopefully, you will be able to reply favorably to this request.

If I can provide any further information please do not  
hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. M. Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

A. M. GRAY  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General, II Marine Amphibious Force

Mr. Robert Gates  
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Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505