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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Full Senate Debate on ASAT

1. On 12 June 1984 at 1:00 p.m., Larry Gershwin, National Intelligence Office for Strategic Programs, attended Hearing of the Full Senate on the Soviet Space and ASAT Programs as the Intelligence Community's technical referent. Dr. Gershwin was accompanied by [redacted] Liaison Division, Office of Legislative Liaison. The only transcript taken was that taken by the official Senate recorder. The hearing was at the SECRET level although the debate verged on codeword material several times. Dr. Gershwin and [redacted] were sworn to secrecy. [redacted]

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2. Senators attending were:

John East (R., NC)	Lawton Chiles (D., FL)
Strom Thurmond (R. SC)	Jim Sasser (D., TN)
Barry M. Goldwater (R., AZ)	Patrick J. Leahy (D., VT)
Malcolm Wallop (R., WY)	J. James Exon (D., NE)
Howard H. Baker, Jr., (R., TN)	Sam Nunn (D., GA)
Larry Pressler (R., SD)	Howard Metzenbaum (D., OH)
Mark Andrews (R., ND)	Jesse A. Helms (R., NC)
Pete Wilson (R., CA)	Russell B. Long (D., LA)
Dan Quayle (R., IN)	Paul E. Tsongas
John C. Danforth (R., MO)	John Glenn (D., OH)
John Warner (R., VA)	Bill Bradley (D., NJ)
John Heinz (R., PA)	Howell Heflin (D., AL)
Orrin G. Hatch (R., UT)	Edward M. Kennedy (D., MA)
Arlen Specter (R., PA)	Paul Sarbanes (D., MD)
William L. Armstrong (R., CO)	Lloyd Bentsen (D., TX)
William V. Roth, Jr., (R., DE)	Joseph R. Biden (D., DE)
Mack Mattingly (R., GA)	Edward Zorinski (D., NE)
Pete V. Domenici (R., NM)	Robert C. Byrd (D., WV)
Frank H. Murkowski (R., AK)	John C. Stennis (D., MS)
Mark O. Hatfield (R., OR)	Donald W. Riegle (D., MI)
Paul Laxalt (R., NV)	George J. Mitchell (D., ME)
Bob Packwood (R., OR)	William Proxmire (D., WI)

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Alfonse M. D'Amato (R., NY)
 Lowell P. Weicker (R., CT)
 Robert J. Dole (R., KS)
 Gordon J. Humphrey (R., NH)
 William S. Cohen (R., ME)
 James Abdnor (R., SD)
 Charles E. Grassley (R., IA)
 Richard G. Lugar (R., IN)
 Thad Cochran (R., MS)
 Jake Garn (R., UT)
 Slade Gorton (R., WA)
 Charles McC Mathias (R., MD)
 Don Nickles (R., OK)
 Roger W. Jepsen (R., IA)
 Steven D. Symms (R., ID)
 Rudy Boschwitz (IR MN)
 Bob Kasten (R., WI)
 Thad Cochran (R., MS)
 James A. McClure (R., ID)
 Daniel J. Evans (R., WA)
 John H. Chafee (R., RI)
 Alan K. Simpson (R., WY)
 Ted Stevens (R., AK)
 Chic Hecht (R., NV)
 Jeremiah Denton (R., AL)

Walter D. Huddleston (D., KY)
 Wendell H. Ford (D., KY)
 David L. Boren (D., OK)
 Alan J. Dixon (D., IL)
 Gary Hart (D., CO)
 Dennis DeConcini (D., AZ)
 Spark M. Matsunaga (D., HI)
 Claiborne Pell (D., RI)
 Frank R. Lautenberg (D., NJ)
 Quentin N. Burdick (D., ND)
 Alan Cranston (D., CA)
 Daniel P. Moynihan (D., NY)
 Bennett Johnston (D., LA)
 Jeff Bingaman (D., NM)
 Carl M. Levin (D., MI)
 Jennings Randolph (D., WV)
 John Melcher (D., MT)
 Max S. Baucus (D., MT)
 Dales L. Bumpers (D., AR)
 Daniel K. Inouye (D., HI)
 David H. Pryor (D., AR)

3. Cleared staffers present were:

Joseph Mayer, SSCI
 Angelo Codevilla, SSCI
 Bob Bott, SAS
 Jim McGovern, SAS
 George Murphy
 Hans Binnendijk, SFR

Tom Blau, SSCI
 Tom Connolly, SSCI
 Douglas Graham, SAS
 John Campbell, SAS
 Donald Massey, Dept. Sgt. at Arms
 Mark Albrecht, Sen. Wilson's staffer

4. During the debate, technical questions were asked of Dr. Gershwin by Senator Warner, who presented the briefing, and Senators Wallop and Moynihan of the SSCI who were active participants in the discussion. Dr. Gershwin answered their questions privately and did not speak directly to the Senate. Senators came and went during the 1 1/2 hour session, but at least 50 were present throughout. Debate centered, as it did in open session, on Soviet ASAT capabilities and US ability to monitor even a partial ASAT treaty.

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