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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Leon Fuerth, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) Staff Member on Soviet Weapons Issues

1. On 25 October 1984, HPSCI staff member Leon Fuerth was briefed at Headquarters on two issues at his request. The first related to an article that appeared in the Washington Times on 18 October 1984 by John Holmes entitled "Jane's Reports SALT Violations by Soviets." Mr. Fuerth questioned the validity of the article's contention that the Soviets are deploying the SS-25 in Eastern Europe. The Directorate of Intelligence/Office of Soviet Analysis briefers from the Offensive Forces Branch of the Strategic Forces Division were [ ] and [ ]

They explained that the article was one of a spate of recent press items that were largely inaccurate and combined fact with fiction. They suggested that Soviet dismantlement of some SS-20 deployments may have contributed to the hypothesis in the article. The conversation also covered the status of [ ]

[ ] Mr. Fuerth was interested in a general update of current Soviet ICBC systems, force levels, and deployments and asked a number of questions in addition to supplying information about the US minuteman program. The 45-minute session ended with Mr. Fuerth's request that he be informed when a research paper by [ ] is ready for distribution. [ ]

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Mr. Fuerth did not pursue the question of the verifiability of a comprehensive test ban treaty as he had earlier indicated he would. In departing the briefing, he said that the new HPSCI chairman, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D., IN) was interested in the test ban issue and it was likely to be of greater interest to HPSCI in the coming year. Mr. Fuerth's briefing notes were stamped Secret and sent to HPSCI. [redacted]

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