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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Morton I. Abramowitz
Director of Intelligence and Research
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SUBJECT: Interagency Active Measures Working Group

Your efforts supporting the continuing role of this informal interagency group on active measures are important in light of the need to educate the public at home and abroad about Soviet activities. The appointment of a high-ranking official such as Kathleen Bailey as Chairperson should further increase the effectiveness of this group in spreading the word on Soviet disinformation. DI analysts regularly attend the biweekly meeting of this group and, as you know, we have one analyst on a rotational assignment at State to specifically support the dissemination of intelligence on Soviet active measures. We had your office in mind when we recently produced an unclassified version of the SOVA paper on The Soviet Foreign Propaganda Apparatus which I understand will soon be published in a Foreign Affairs Note.

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Kerr
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SUBJECT: Chairmanship of Active Measures Working Group

We have just completed a review of the Department of State's role in coordinating interagency activities dedicated to countering Soviet active measures. As you know, in 1981 INR was charged by the Secretary of State to develop a program both to identify Soviet active measures and to educate the public at home and abroad to Soviet disinformation programs and other sub rosa efforts. At the same time, several other agencies were developing similar activities tailored to their particular responsibilities. INR assumed responsibility for chairing an informal, interagency group which sought to coordinate these various activities and marshal government resources to a common policy objective.

I think we all agree that this effort has been very worthwhile. At the same time, I am concerned that we not rest on past laurels but move ahead into a number of areas where our review has shown further work could be productive. I strongly believe that the interagency group should continue. I have asked Dr. Kathleen Bailey, who has recently joined INR as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Interdepartmental Affairs, to assume direction of INR's active measures work and I have designated her Chairman of the Interagency Active Measures Working Group. Dr. Bailey is located in Room 6635 and can be reached on 647-2285, Secure 5211.


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