

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Intelligence Community Support of Net Assessment

The enclosed plan for Intelligence Community support of DOD net assessments and the letters of transmittal to committee chairman have been prepared in response to a requirement included in the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1988. The plan and letters of transmittal have the agreement of the members of the DOD Net Assessment Coordinating Committee.

Request your approval and signature on the enclosed letters.

RICHARD L. ARMITAGE
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ROBERT W. RISCASSI
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Director, Joint Staff

Dear _____ (Chairman, SASC, SSCL, SAC, HASC, HSCI,
HAC)

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1988 Conference Report requests that the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence provide a plan for the conduct of net assessments which allow for independent judgments by the Intelligence Community.

The JCS 1987 Military Net Assessment and other previous OSD net assessment studies have historically used extensive input from the Intelligence Community. On September 8, 1987 Admiral Crowe and Judge Webster agreed to formalize a plan for Intelligence Community support of JCS Net Assessments.

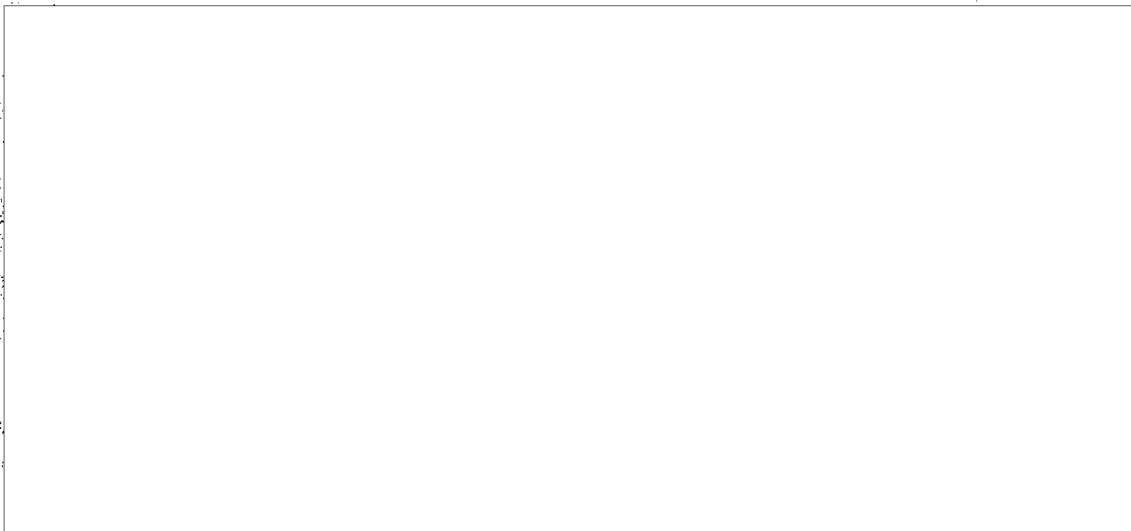
Enclosed is our plan for Intelligence Community participation in net assessments. Admiral Crowe agrees with this plan.

Sincerely yours,

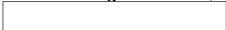
FRANK C. CARLUCCI
Secretary of Defense

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER
Director of Central Intelligence

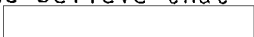
The CIA believes that analyses of the Soviet view of relative military capabilities should weigh heavily in military net assessments that consider the deterrent value of US forces. Accordingly, and in response to recent legislation, we propose that the CIA pursue at least three research projects in FY 1989 to produce special "red" net assessment studies, each of which would consider the Soviet view of relative military capabilities and the implications of this view for US policies:



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We chose these three topics because they clearly are relevant to US policy decisions and because they build on considerable work that already has taken place in our research program. In addition to these analyses, we will conduct selected technical net assessments of specific weapons' capabilities. We will consult other agencies in the course of our analyses and we will offer our studies as contributions to joint military net assessments undertaken by the OJCS and NIO/GPF, who could incorporate alternative views. 

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We also propose to pursue additional net assessment projects during FY 1990/91. We recently submitted a New Initiative in part because we anticipate future studies of this type will not easily derive from prior accomplishments in our normal research program. And we believe that Congress wants a continuing effort along these lines. 

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