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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of General Maxwell Taylor on [REDACTED] Material

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1. This morning Mr. Helms met General Taylor and discussed [REDACTED] for about thirty minutes. During the course of this meeting, General Taylor read all of the material we had prepared summarizing the case with keen interest. (SEE [REDACTED])

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2. Among his comments were:

a. "This is the kind of thing a lot of us don't hear anything about."

b. "I think Allen ought to brief the President on this and let him know what we have here."

3. General Taylor asked to be put on future distribution for all the [REDACTED] material, and said he wanted to see the following reports which had already been disseminated or were in process.

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- a. The ICBM program
- b. The shooting down of the RB-47
- c. The shooting down of the U-2
- d. Soviet plans for Berlin
- e. Circumstances of Nedelin's death

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f. Translation of the Field Service Regulations

g. All of the VOYENNAYA MYSL articles

4. Mr. Helms believes the General would also be interested in seeing the map of the GFSC paper exercise when available.

5. At one point General Taylor expressed surprise at source's statement that early warning was the prime Soviet intelligence objective.

6. At another point the General remarked that it would be very interesting to see whether the reassignment of senior officers predicted by [REDACTED] actually came about.

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7. Mr. Helms wants me to take to General Taylor on Monday, 24 July, the above mentioned reports on the ICBM, the RB-47, the U-2 and plans for Berlin.

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