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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD :

SUBJECT : Conversations with Messrs. Ed Proctor
and Jack Smith Re Use of CHICKADEE
Material in NIE 11-8-61

1. Today Mr. Proctor informed me that USIB, in discussing NIE 11-8-61, did not mention the CHICKADEE report on the Soviet ICBM program. Although the paper had a brief reference to the report in a footnote, it was not mentioned, or even reflected, in the body of the Estimate, and none of the participants at the meeting referred to it. Proctor said he believed this was because even though they probably accepted the CS evaluation of the initial source, they were unwilling to put any weight in the subsorce, about whom they knew nothing. Proctor's argument was that no matter how good the source was, since the subsorce was unknown to the consumers and was given no evaluation in the dissemination, he would have to be considered "F". The community was unwilling to accord an "F" source any consideration in changing an existing National Estimate.

2. Later in the day I discussed the same matter with Jack Smith who expressed somewhat the same views as Proctor, adding that another factor was simply that the CHICKADEE report did not exactly fit the views of anyone at the meeting.

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