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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: US Position Paper for SG 161/20

REFERENCES: A. DIA TS-3-66/AP-B, dated 5 January 1966

B. Memorandum for USIB, dated 4 January 1966

1. SG 161/20 is the 1966 edition of the annual NATO Standing Group intelligence estimate. The preparation of the US Position Paper is a routine exercise requiring no new estimative judgments. DIA produces first drafts for those sections for which the US is responsible. These DIA drafts are reviewed and amended by the Board of National Estimates and USIB representatives, and are then submitted to USIB, not for approval, but for "acceptance" as consistent with the relevant NIEs and releasable to NATO. The draft as accepted by USIB is submitted to the JCS for approval.

2. Reference A is the draft text as amended by the Board of National Estimates and USIB representatives. In Reference B the Board recommends USIB "acceptance" of it, by telephone to the USIB Secretariat.

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3. All members of USIB have now concurred. Accordingly, the Board recommends that you accept the draft and sign and despatch the attached memorandum to the Chairman, JCS, through the USIB Secretariat.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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Chairman