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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : General Comments on Draft Speech--  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. This speech is a frontal attack against the Department of Defense's expressed intelligence justifications for the Safeguard program. As such, it seems designed and constructed sharply to cut ground out from beneath the Administration's position on Safeguard, and to cause those Senators who have not yet made up their minds to doubt the Administration's credibility.

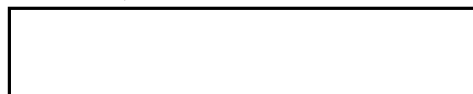
2. The "authoritative" source of the rebuttal intelligence used in the speech transparently is CIA, although the United States Intelligence Board is the only intelligence entity named in the speech.

3. The writer or writers show skill and care in choosing which of the Defense Department's intelligence points to refute. The attack hits hard and accurately at most of Defense's principal "threat" arguments in their most vulnerable quoted expressions.



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5. Whoever the writer, he had access to and used--verbatim in many instances--the answers provided to the Gore subcommittee's questions. He probably also had access to the transcript of the Director's 23 April appearance before that group. The answers to the Gore subcommittee's questions were stamped TOP SECRET-SENSITIVE.



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