

November 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Soviet Defense Programs--in Dollars--
with Brian Benson, Senate Republican Policy Com-
mittee Staff


1. Mr. Benson originally called me some weeks ago asking for our latest figures on estimated dollar costs of Soviet defense programs. I suggested at that time that he wait until we had a chance to update our earlier unclassified memorandum on this subject. He called back again last Friday and asked where we stood. I discussed this with the DDI who suggested we provide Mr. Benson with the preliminary comparisons of dollar costs for 1974 and projected into 1975. These figures had been prepared in response to a query from Andy Marshall.

2. I got through to Mr. Benson this morning and suggested that he first get a copy of the Director's testimony before Senator Proxmire last June. He agreed to do this. I then provided him with the following figures from the Andy Marshall memorandum:

	<u>Billion 1974 Dollars</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>Projected 1975</u>
<u>CIA Definitions</u>		
Total Defense Activities		
Soviet Programs	102	107
US Expenditures	82	79
Soviet as a percent of US	124%	135%
Excluding Pensions		
Adjusted Soviet Programs	99	105
Adjusted US Expenditures	77	73
Adjusted Soviet as a percent of adjusted US	129%	144%

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