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11 OCT 1974

Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear George:

In response to your letter of 7 October 1974 to Ed, I am pleased to inform you that it will be possible to send a copy of SR RP 74-6, "Soviet Commentary on the Capabilities of US General Purpose Forces," to the following CONUS commands:

General Russell E. Dougherty
Commander
Strategic Air Command
Offutt AFB, NE 68113

General Lucius D. Clay, Jr.
Commander
Aerospace Defense Command
Ent AFB, CO 80912

General Paul K. Carlton
Commander
Military Airlift Command
Scott AFB, IL 62225

General Samuel C. Phillips
Commander
Air Force Systems Command
Andrews AFB, DC 20034

Major General H. P. Smith
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USAF Security Service
San Antonio, TX 78243

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Major General Henry B. Kucheman, Jr.
Commander
Armament Development and Test Center
Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Major General Thomas W. Morgan
Commander
Air Force Special Weapons Center
Kirtland AFB, NM 87115

Attached are seven copies of the document for you to transmit to them. When you send them, I ask that you attach a letter to each of the recipients which notes that the research paper is intended for their use and the use of their immediate staff on a strict need-to-know basis. The report is not to be duplicated or distributed further within their commands. We also request that these copies be returned by the recipients through you to us. [REDACTED]

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I am also pleased to inform you that it will be possible to send a copy of the memorandum originally drafted for Andrew W. Marshall, Director of Net Assessment, and entitled "Soviet Attitudes Towards US General Purpose Military Capabilities" to:

General Louis L. Wilson
Commander-in-Chief
Pacific Air Forces
APO San Francisco 96553

Major General Jack K. Gamble
Commander
Alaskan Air Command
APO Seattle 98742

Attached are two copies of the document for you to transmit to them. When you send them, I ask that you attach a letter incorporating the restrictions on use which are outlined above.

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As you requested, I am also arranging to send a copy of this memorandum to:

General John W. Vogt
Commander-in-Chief
US Air Forces in Europe
APO New York 09012



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A sanitized version of the report is being prepared and will be ready for dissemination shortly.

Sincerely,



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Paul V. Walsh
Acting Deputy Director
for Intelligence

Attachments:



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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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7 OCT 1974



Mr. Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Ed

(S/NFD) Your expeditious response in providing General Dixon with a special copy of the research study entitled "Soviet Commentary on the Capabilities of the US General Purpose Forces" was sincerely appreciated.

(S/NFD) This study is a most useful compendium of substantive data on the thinking of the Soviet military planners. However, its intrinsic value needs to be exploited to the fullest by all intelligence consumers. As a consequence, my action officer, Mr. E. Walter Polivka, has been pursuing with your OSR representatives 25X1 the possibility of wider dissemination of the basic study and of reducing the study to a collateral level in order that it may be disseminated to the greatest number of intelligence consumers.

(S/NFD) Your staff has offered an informal proposal which would permit me to distribute the basic unsanitized report to the list of addressees within the US (listed in Section I of Attachment 1). Your office would distribute the so-called "distilled" version (recently prepared for Dr. Andrew Marshall) to overseas commanders (listed in Section II of Attachment 1) and your staff subsequently would produce a follow-up sanitized version which would satisfy the remainder of the consumers previously denied the document.

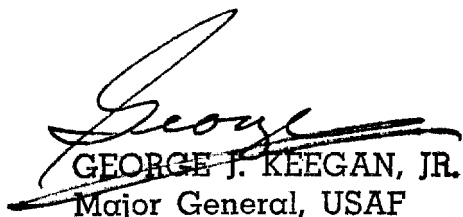
(U) Dr. Schlesinger discussed the basic study with General Dixon and General Jones while on a recent visit to TAC

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because of its bearing on tactical operations. Needless to say, the pressure for access to such studies by major commanders has been mounting.

(U) Your staff has been most helpful in arriving at a workable solution and I appreciate it.

Warmest regards


GEORGE J. KEEGAN, JR.
Major General, USAF
Asst Chief of Staff, Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Per our telephone conversation. How do we respond?

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