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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Subject:

U.S. Position Paper for Standing Group Intelli-

gence Estimate for NATO Planning 1960 through

1966 (SG 161/13)

Enclosure:

J.C.S. Changes to Subject Paper

1. Yesterday the Joint Chiefs of Staff considered the United States Position Paper for the Standing Group Intelligence Estimate for NATO Planning 1960 through 1966 (SG 161/13). I am enclosing a copy of the changes to which they agreed.

- The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that the changes will result in a NATO paper more applicable to the planning it is designed to support.
- 3. Under the terms of the "Agreed Procedures" I have been designated to represent the Joint Chiefs of Staff in presenting the above changes to you. I am also greatly concerned about the need for expeditious final resolution of this problem in view of the fact that the Standing Group Conference commences on / Marca 1960. I recommend your concurrence in the changes made.

If you agree with the changes as being appropriate to a Standing Group intelligence estimate, I would appreciate your concurrence so that this paper may be released as soon as possible.

Major General, USAF Director for Intelligence

JCS and DIA review(s) completed.

ENCLOSURE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF CHANGES TO THE UNITED STATES
POSITION PAPER FOR STANDING GROUP INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE
FOR NATO PLANNING 1960 THROUGH 1966 (SG 161/13)

1. Page 38, paragraph 3, beginning at the top of page 38, change as follows:

we do not believe that the Soviets will , attempt to build during the period of this estimate, rely solely on an ICBM force designed-fer-this-purpose to achieve their objectives in general war. Nevertheless, they will probably build a substantial long-range missile force. They will almost certainly wish to have a high degree of deterrence, and beyond this, should-deterrence-fail, a force offering as much promise of success for an attack, a pre-emptive attack, or indeed fer-a retaliatory, attack as can be brought within acceptable margins of economic costs. Also, and again consistent with acceptable cost, the Soviets will probably build up their planned force rapidly in order to capitalize through-pelitical exploitation or potential use."

2. Page 40, paragraph 9, change as follows:

"Provided that NATO maintains a posture of effective deterrence, Www believe the Soviet leaders will not select the course of deliberate initiation of general war during the

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period of this Estimate. They show full appreciation of the incalculable disaster that would be visited upon both sides in such a war. Their programs to build greater military power, however, are being pushed vigorously. But-they-probably de-net-count-upon-acquiring,-by-any-patricular-date,-an-advantage se-decisive-as-to-permit-them-to-launch-general-war-with assurance-of-success-and-under-conditions-which-would-net gravely-menace-their-regime-and-society."

3. Page 54, paragraph 24, third sentence, change the third sentence to read as follows:

"It is estimated therefore that a Soviet decision to initiate — limited <u>military operations</u> war in the NATO Area is highly unlikely during the period of this Estimate so long as the foregoing two key factors of Soviet judgment remain unchanged."

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