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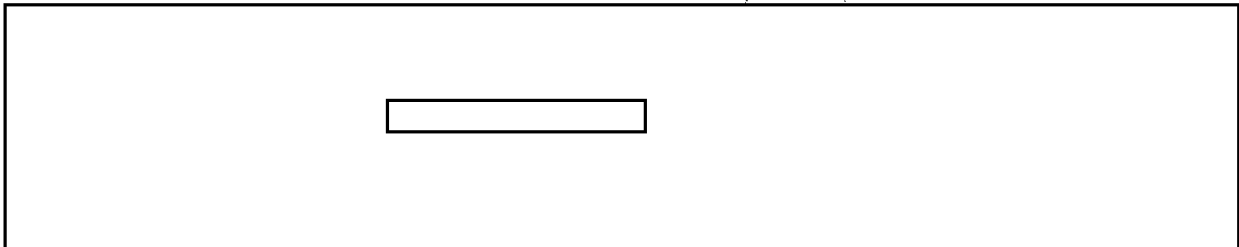
MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : *sw* Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Africa

SUBJECT : PRC Meeting on Arms Transfers to Somalia, 31 July,
4:30 - 6:00 p.m., White House Situation Room

1. Action Requested: None; this memorandum and accompanying papers are for your information and possible use at the meeting.



3. For the past several days, the Africa Bureau at State has been engaged in a detailed study and debate with INR over the quality and judgments of intelligence re this matter. When the PRC was called, Deputy Assistant Secretary Harrop requested a community intelligence assessment, to be included with the agenda and policy options papers State is preparing (~~but has not yet delivered here~~). As I understand it, Moose argues that the evidence can be read to say that Siad is making at least a minimal effort to comply with US requirements. The community intelligence analysts do not see it that way; they see the same old Siad, though in reduced circumstances. But we have, once again, no "smoking pistol" to take before the jury -- just the unanimous sense of those who work with the materials daily and ruminate on Siad and his situation.

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4. The community, working-level assessment is attached; it has also been provided to State and the NSC, at their request. Also attached are Talking Points, based on the assessment on the NFAC briefing paper, which is at Annex C. A statement on Soviet naval posture in the region is at Annex D. [redacted] office has provided a collection paper, Annex E. A map of the Ogaden is appended; one of the situation in Eritrea will be available Monday, as will updated OB tables for Ethiopia and Somalia.

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5. I can be reached via the Ops Center (which has a copy of this 25X1A briefing book) or at home [redacted]

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