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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 9 May and Later

1. The 2 May Presidential Briefing was canceled. The DCI/NFAC meeting for the week of 8 May also has been canceled.

2. The following topics are nominated for the 9 May Presidential Briefing:

- A. Prospects for the International Oil Market
- B. President's Quarterly Report

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Philippine Opposition (NIO/EAP)
- B. South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP) 6 June
- C. Covert Communications (OTS)
- D. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- E. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) 13 June
- F. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- G.
- H. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA) 30 May
- I. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI) 9 May/30 May
- J. Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE) 16 May
- K. Prospects for China after the National
Peoples Congress (NIO/CH) 23 May
- L. Military Lessons Learned About Performance
of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the
Somali-Ethiopian Campaign (NIO/AF:OSR) 16 May
- M. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer
Simulation Model to Assess Future Alter-
native Water Management Strategies (OGCR)

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- N. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (OER) 30 June
- O. Soviet Ship Deployments (NOSIC) 9 May/30 May
- P. Soviet Air Defense Systems (OWI) 23 May
- Q. Soviet Computer Technology (OSI/OER)
- R. Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR) 6 June
- S. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI)
- T. Pakistan (NIO/NESA)
- U. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- V. Korean Airliner Incident (ICS/OSR)

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. Soviet Policy in Africa
- B. FRG-USSR Relations
- C. Illegal Immigration from Mexico and the Caribbean
- D. Prospects of Nuclear Terrorist Threats from Abroad
- E. Panama - Situation after the Treaties
- F. Mideast Nuclear Capabilities
- G. Soviet Nuclear Material Production Capabilities and Projected Needs

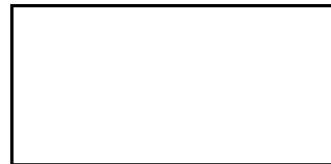
5. The following briefing topics have been dropped from the list of active topics for the reasons indicated:

- A. Soviet Compliance with New Fishing Regulations. Covered in the PDB.
- B. The following topics are dropped because schedule revisions have produced a backlog of higher priority topics and because these topics are likely to be too time sensitive to use as filler items:
 - (1) Southern Africa: Rhodesia vs. Guerrillas
 - (2) Five-Power Conference on Africa
 - (3) Cuban Developments
 - (4) Chile - Authoritarianism vs. Democracy
 - (5) Protected Villages in Rhodesia
 - (6) Narcotics in Latin America
 - (7) Portugal
 - (8) Chad
- C. China S&T Conference and PRC Trade in High Technology. Incorporate in general briefing on China now scheduled for 23 May.

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6. Because a large number of topics are being worked the request that D/OGCR, D/OWI, and the NIOs SP, USSR and EAP nominate topics during the week of 8 May is canceled. However, D/OSR, D/OIA, and the NIOs PE, WE and CH will be requested to nominate topics for use in late June the following week.

7. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
1 May	Greece & Turkey Soviet Ship Deployments	Around-the-table with NIOs	(None)
8 May	Military Lessons of Soviet/Cuban Involvement in the Horn China	(None)	International Oil Market* President's Quarterly Report
15 May	Nicaraguan Politics Soviet Air Defenses Southeast Asia	China	Greece & Turkey Military Lessons of Soviet/ Cuban Involvement
22 May	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program	SE Asia	China Soviet Air Defenses
29 May	NIE 11-4-78	Law of the Sea	Soviet Ship Deployments & Estimating SLBM Effectiveness* Nicaragua
5 June	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	Around-the-table with NIOs	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program
12 June 25X6	[Redacted]	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	NIE 11-4-78
19 June	?	[Redacted]	Soviet Actions to Cope w Economic Problems 25X6

Filler material will be available on the following topics:

- Soviet Forced Labor
- Covert Communications
- Monitoring a CW Ban
- Philippine Opposition
- Korean Airliner Incident
- Soviet Computer Technology
- Soviet Performance During the COSMOS 954 Event
- Nuclear Power in the LDCs
- Anti-Narcotics Operations in Golden Triangle

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*Alternate topic for 9 May: Soviet Ship Deployments & Estimating SLBM Effectiveness.
Note that this schedule is tentative. It will be revised weekly and major changes may take place from week to week.