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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

30 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Release of Selected National Intelligence Estimates to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

1. With the approval of USIB a number of NIE's have been released to NASA dealing with guided missiles, space vehicles, atomic energy, and overall Soviet military and scientific policies and capabilities.

2. The Board of National Estimates recommends that USIB approve the release of the Secret and Top Secret versions or sections of the following additional estimates to the Director of NASA:

NIE 11-3-61: SINO-SOVIET AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES
THROUGH MID-1966

NIE 11-8-61: SOVIET CAPABILITIES FOR LONG RANGE ATTACK

NIE 11-8/1-61: STRENGTH AND DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET LONG
RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE FORCES

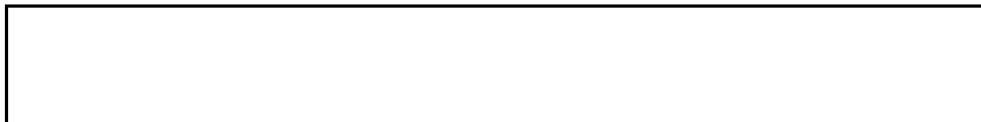
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NIE 11-4-61: MAIN TRENDS IN SOVIET CAPABILITIES
(Military Annexes) AND POLICIES 1961-1966

SNIE 11-11-61: IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET RESUMPTION
OF NUCLEAR TESTING

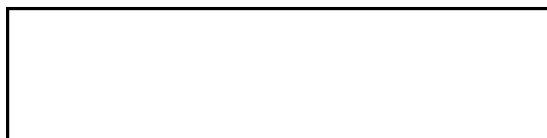
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NIE 11-2-61: THE SOVIET ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM

3. This matter will be placed on the agenda of an early
USIB meeting.

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Memorandum For

Subject: Release of Estimates to NASA

1. At Mr. Cooper's direction, I note for possible action estimates which might be released to NASA.

2. For your guidance I have attached a memorandum to the USIB of 7 October 1960 which lists thirteen estimates which were released at that time. In the present calendar year USIB has released, upon our recommendation, the following:

In February:

NIE 11-4-60, "Main Trends in Soviet Capabilities and Policies, 1960-1965"

NIE 13-60, "Communist China"

In June:

NIE 11-5-61, "Soviet Technical Capabilities in Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles" (including Annexes A-F)

3. The following estimates, which Mr. Cooper and I selected as candidates for release, were not approved by the BNE:

NIE 13-2-60, "Chinese Communist Atomic Energy Program" (Summary and Conclusions)

NIE 4-61, "Consequences of US Resumption of Nuclear Testing"

4. In mid-July we recommended to the BNE (was Acting DAD) the release of NIE's 11-3-60, "Sino-Soviet Air Defense Capabilities Through Mid-1966" and 11-8-61, "Soviet Capabilities for Long Range Attack." The corresponding 1960 estimates had been released. This matter was discussed very briefly by the

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BNE several times but, to my knowledge, no recommendation was taken to the USIB. I believe the last time the Board discussed it Mr. Kent was going to look into the security aspects of the release, especially of 11-8. Possibly negative action has been taken on these items, but, if so, it has not come to my attention.

5. I note that the Military Annexes of NIE 11-4-61 were approved by USIB on 24 August. The corresponding annexes of the 1960 paper were released to NASA. You will wish to consider whether SNIE 11-11-61, "Implications of the Soviet Resumption of Nuclear Testing" should be recommended for release. Last year two estimates on nuclear testing were released (SNIE's 11-9 and 11-9A).

6. To complete the record, [redacted] did not feel that the following needed to be recommended for release:

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NIE 11-61, "Probable Intelligence Warning of Soviet Attack on the US"

SNIE 11-9-61, "The Possibility of Soviet Nuclear Testing During the Moratorium"

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7. In summary, final action should be taken on NIE's 11-3-61 and 11-8-61, and it should be determined whether or not the NIE 11-4-61 Annexes and SNIE 11-11-61 should be recommended for release.

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Special Assistant for Planning

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