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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Soviet Options in Afghanistan

5X1 1. A meeting was held at 1400, 13 August, to discuss Soviet options in Afghanistan. Present were the A/NIO/W, NIO/USSR-EE, NIO and A/NIO/CF, and A/NIO/NESA. The meeting was in response to a memo from Director, SWS, dated 10 August 1979, which recommended issuance of an Alert Memorandum.

2. The consensus was that:

-- An Alert Memorandum is not justified at this time; however,

-- Something in addition to and outside routine current intelligence reporting is required,

-- There is some urgency to reporting this week,

-- An annex to the PDB is the most appropriate vehicle,

-- The article should generally identify the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, discuss possible Soviet responses, and identify indicators which could support various options. The tone of the piece would be speculative rather than predictive,

-- NIO/USSR-EE agreed to sponsor the article.

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