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MEMORANDUM FOR: James L. Buckley  
Under Secretary for Security Assistance,  
Science and Technology  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Comments on TOR for Strategic  
Technology Transfer SIG [redacted]

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1. It is clear from the discussion at the initial SIG meeting that the US and its allies are not properly organized to cope with the serious threat posed by the Soviet program to acquire Western strategic technology. As our assessment of the Soviet Bloc effort points out, we are dealing with a centrally-organized and well-managed global program that has been extremely successful. None of the existing control or enforcement bodies is adequate to cope with the complex problems as described and no unifying mechanism exists to bring all the individual bodies to bear on the Soviet effort. [redacted]

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2. If we are effectively to stop Soviet acquisitions of US and Western strategic technologies, we must start by establishing a mechanism to coordinate the efforts of the many existing US bodies. We are prepared to work with any organization created to perform this essential task. Whether the SIG you propose is the right way to go is a matter clearly best resolved by the White House and policy agencies. We cannot, however, too strongly emphasize the need for some sort of central coordinating mechanism on the technology transfer problem. [redacted]

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