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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence *Et*

FROM: E. Wayne Boring  
Director of Scientific and Weapons Research

SUBJECT: OSWR Assessment of Soviet Activities at the  
International Institute for Applied Systems  
Analysis (IIASA)

REFERENCE: Ltr to DDCI from Frank Press/National Academy  
of Sciences dtd 4 Jan 82

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1. Attached for your signature is a letter responding to Dr. Press' letter of 4 January concerning our assessment of Soviet Activities at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

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2. Because Dr. Press questions whether we "touched all bases" and raises the issue of the accuracy of our assessment, you should be aware of the following background. Dr. Press saw an advance draft which was made available to the National Academy of Sciences last November at the request of the National Security Council (NSC) and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Our assessment is substantively unchanged in the final version (copy attached).

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3. We believe Dr. Press' letter arises directly from a two-week lobbying effort last month by Dr. Roger Levien, the Director of IIASA until last September. This effort involved Dr. Levien's initiating and having meetings at the NSC, State, OSTP, NSF, and on the Hill.

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4. Dr. Levien's effort also included, at his request, meetings with members of the Intelligence Community including of OSWR, the primary author of our assessment. At the meeting with Dr. Levien was invited to offer any evidence that contradicted intelligence reporting and other evidence that the Soviets were engaged in technology transfer and intelligence activities at IIASA, summarized in our assessment. His answers were unpersuasive. (They are summarized in a memorandum for the record, copy attached, prepared by who as the author of our assessment was the main discussant with Dr. Levien.) A more detailed description of the discussion with Dr. Levien is being prepared by the who was also present at the meeting and acted as rapporteur. (C)

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5. You should also be aware of the following additional information about the US Government decision on its official participation in IIASA. To date, participation has been accomplished by funding support of \$3 million annually, provided by the NSF to NAS, the latter representing the US as a member nation of IIASA. Because of Soviet technology transfer and intelligence activities at IIASA, the NSC in coordination with State recommended US official withdrawal from IIASA on 1 January 1983. This was approved at the Presidential level. Prior to this action NSF, independent of these developments and because of severe budget cuts, decided to drop its funding for IIASA, beginning with FY 1983. The NAS was informed of both the NSC/State and NSF actions and was requested in turn to advise IIASA's Executive Council last November of the US Government's decision. The NAS representative did so but was persuaded by the Council to hold off submission of formal notification for a few months, presumably to allow for lobbying efforts to reverse the Administration's decision. [redacted]

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6. It is our understanding that the Administration considers the US Government's participation in IIASA as ending 31 December 1982 regardless of how IIASA sees it. The Academy is of course free to continue its own (unofficial) participation and to contribute any private funds it wants and can raise on its own. [redacted]

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