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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM : Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT : SASC Worldwide Intelligence Briefing

1. The DCI is scheduled to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) on 1 February 1982 as part of the Committee's posture hearings in review of the defense authorization request for FY83. The briefing is scheduled to begin at 1000 hours in room S-407, The Capitol. A transcript will be taken.

2. As mentioned in the Committee's letter dated 8 January 1982, the primary purpose of the worldwide briefing is to identify long-term worldwide and regional military, political and economic trends affecting U.S. security. The secondary purpose is to receive information on current worldwide security events and problems.

3. In light of these guidelines, the following is a list of priorities that the Committee has identified by topic and region:

- a. USSR - Still Principal Threat
 - Military strength (conventional/nuclear)
 - Economic problems
 - Political forecast
 - Foreign policies
 - U.S./arms negotiations
 - Europe (East and West)
 - Third World
 - Technology race
 - Possible breakthroughs (space, lasers, armor countermeasures and air defense, etc.)
- b. Europe - Soviet role in supporting "Peace movements" in various European countries
 - INF/Negotiations/Reactions
 - Poland
 - Greece
 - Spain
- c. Middle East
 - Libya/Terrorism
 - Morocco/Western Sahara dispute
 - Egypt
 - Persian Gulf/Gulf cooperation council
 - Lebanon elections and Syrian/Israeli dispute

- d. Close to Home - Central America
 - Cuba
 - Internal/Foreign Policies/Insurgencies
 - Nicaragua
 - El Salvador
 - Soviet Activities in the region
- e. China - PRC reaction to a U.S. decision to sell FX aircraft to Taiwan (near-term and long-range impact)
 - Military/Political/Economics
 - Taiwan Military Balance
 - Stability of and pressures on Deng's government
- f. South Asia
 - Afghanistan
 - Pakistan/India
- g. Far East - PRC activities/policies in Indochina
 - Kampuchea/Vietnam
 - Thailand
 - Korean Peninsula
- h. Africa
 - Chad
 - Ethiopia/Somalia
 - Angola/South Africa/Namibia
 - Zaire
- i. Nuclear Proliferation
 - Pakistan, etc.

4. The Committee is anxiously awaiting this hearing since it represents a "kick-off" for the new Congressional year. I will forward questions that will be raised as soon as I receive them.



Director, Office of External Affairs

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Briefing of
Senate Armed Services Committee
Monday, 1 February 1982
10:00 a.m.
S-407, The Capitol
(Worldwide Intelligence)

SASC Members

John G. Tower (R., TX), Chairman

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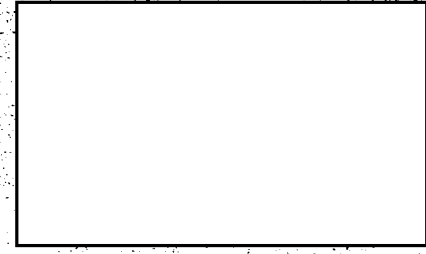
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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment and refer to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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Regarding our discussion this morning, 29 January, concerning your agreement to provide the House Armed Services Committee with a sanitized/unclassified version of your Worldwide Intelligence briefing statement, attached is the list of people I recommend you call and points I believe you should stress.



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- Representative Melvin Price (D., IL), Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, 225-5661
- Representative Bill Dickinson (R., AL), Ranking Minority Member, House Armed Services Committee, 225-2901
- o I have given the matter considerable thought and believe it would be unwise for me to comply with the request.
- o If I were to sanitize my statement, I would be setting a precedent that I do not basically agree with.
- o The classification level of my briefing statement as presented was TS/codeword and if it were even possible to declassify it, the remainder would probably be of little use to you.
- o I do not believe that it is either the business nor the objective of the Intelligence Community to publish unclassified documents on intelligence issues and since assuming office I have reversed this previous trend of the Agency.
- o The extensive effort involved is both unproductive and the result oftentimes misleading. I believe this to be especially true regarding my Worldwide briefing statement because it covers major issues throughout the world.
- o My intent here is not to be uncooperative but rather to carry on a policy which I strongly believe in.
- o I ask that you please inform the other Members of your Committee regarding my decision and express my regrets for any inconvenience this may pose for them.

After you have made these calls, I will have my staff contact John Ford, HASC Staff Director, to relay your decision on this matter.