

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Williamson
Admin. Office

Attached are retention copies of some
correspondence by Dr. Pipes relating to
press interest in the competitive analysis
experiment. I thought they might be use-
ful for the record.



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TO: Memo of Record
FROM: Richard Pipes
SUBJECT: CIA Estimate

DATE: 3 January 1977
LOCATION: WDC
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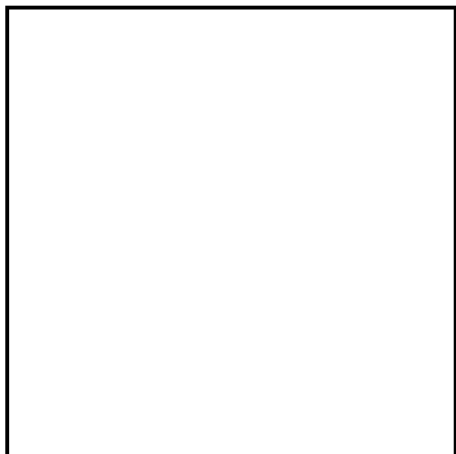
Today, Monday, January 3, 1977, in the morning, I received a call from a Mr. Phillip Clark, representing the American Security Council of Washington, D.C. He told me his organization planned to hold a meeting in Washington on January 21st to which representatives of the media would be invited and at which the CIA experiment which I headed would be discussed. He said that among the invited participants were General Keegan, General Graham, Mr. Paul Nitze, and Professor Van Cleave. Mr. Clark asked me if I would chair this session: I replied I would let him know in a couple of days.

Since I regard such a conference to be both a breach of security and political counter-productive, I immediately contacted General Graham and I believe I was successful in dissuading him from participating. I also tried to contact Mr. Nitze, but he was out of town: I will try to get in touch with him tomorrow, also in the hope of dissuading him from participating.

I also contacted Mr. Richard Lehman of the CIA and told him of the plans to hold this conference.

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TO: Richard B. Foster

FROM: Richard Pipes

SUBJECT: New York Times Articles on Intelligence Estimate

DATE: 30 December 1976

LOCATION: WDC

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Since the appearance on December 26, 1976, of David Binder's article on Team B in the New York Times, I have been deluged by telephone calls from the media. In addition to CBS which wanted me to appear on the Walter Cronkite show, I heard from ABC network and from Channel 2 in Boston. I have told both stations that I would not appear on any news programs dealing with this information, but would consider participating on a serious panel discussion of strategy problems. Channel 5 in Boston, a CBS affiliate has asked if I would appear on a half hour program called "Newsmakers" next week in which I would be interviewed by two correspondents on problems of international security, but I have not yet given them an answer either way. This morning I was telephoned by Channel 2 in Boston which said that they would like to set up a four-person panel that would include in addition to me, Paul Nitze and Professor Doty to discuss similar subjects.

I have talked to two correspondents, Mr. Benjamin of Newsweek and Mr. Marder of the Washington Post, both of whom are doing articles on this story. In each case, I emphasized that I would divulge no information on the content of either Team A or Team B reports or on our recommendations. Our conversation concerned mainly the broad implications of the experiment and general issues based on my previous writings with which the interviewers seemed familiar. I tried in these conversations to stress first that the experiment was internally generated by the intelligence community and should not be used to criticize it, and be that it was wrong to assume (as they suggested) that behind it lay political motives, namely the desire to pressure the Carter Administration. Mr. Marder seemed very well informed about the circumstances surrounding the experiment and seems to have talked to Mr. Leo Cherne, the Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB).

Today at noon, I had lunch with the columnist Joseph Kraft who seemed to wish to convey to me that the "leaks" were counter-productive in the sense that the Carter transition team resented being 'put on the spot'. I told him that these considerations were irrelevant since I had nothing to do with the leaks and that I believe the same applied to the other members of Team B.

As reported in my memo of 22 December 1976, I have been authorized by Mr. Richard Lehman to talk in general terms about our project to the press. I will continue to report in writing discussions with any representatives of the media. Should the above mentioned panel with either Channel 5 or Channel 2 in Boston materialize, I will report on them as well.

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TO: Distribution
FROM: R.B. Foster *RBF* LOCATION: WDC
SUBJECT: New York Times Articles on Intelligence Estimate CC:
26 December 1976

The attached zeroxed article appeared on page 1 of the New York Times, December 26, 1976 and was also reprinted in its entirety, December 26, 1976, by the Washington Post. Also attached you will find a memo of record by Richard Pipes indicating that he had cleared the discussion with Mr. Binder of the New York Times with Mr. Richard Lehman, Deputy Director of the CIA. As you know, Dr. Pipes was the head of the committee that studied the issues involved in an alternative interpretation of data.

Earlier William Beecher of the Boston Globe reported on the "Alternative Estimate" study in a manner which indicated more of an overt criticism of the CIA. Dr. Pipes has been extremely careful about any discussions outside the intelligence community and with me on this matter and he has cleared all discussions with both members of the intelligence community and with me.

On Sunday, December 26, 1976, Dr. Pipes phoned me and indicated that CBS TV news had contacted him and asked for an interview on the Sunday night news program. I urged him to decline without approval of either the intelligence community or Leo Cherne, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB).

I talked to Dr. Pipes today, 27 December 1976, and he indicated that he had several additional phone calls from TV news programs concerning the Binder article in the New York Times. He said that he had talked again to Richard Lehman, CIA, and had referred the telephone calls to him since it is not the policy of the intelligence community to endorse any statements to the news media except those that are officially released. This ruling has been used by Dr. Pipes to turn down all invitations to appear on all TV newscasts. He is writing a memo of record on these matters today.

In none of the news statements has SRI been mentioned.

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TO:

The Record

DATE: 22 December

FROM:

Richard Pipes

LOCATION: WDC

SUBJECT:

Conversation with Mr. David Binder of the
New York Times

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On the evening of December 20 I received a telephone call from Mr. David Binder of the New York Times who wanted to know if I could "talk" about Project B. I told him I could not, whereupon he informed me that he had received a briefing by the Agency on this work. I told him that in view of this fact I would find out the following day whether I could or could not talk with him.

The following day, December 21, during a meeting between Team B and NFIB I discussed this conversation with Mr. Richard Lehman, Deputy Director, CIA, who told me that he had indeed talked to Mr. Binder and given some general information on the Project "to set the record straight." He said he had no objection to my talking with Mr. Binder in similar terms. Later that afternoon I met Mr. Binder at the airport prior to my departure for Boston and chatted with him about Team B. I avoided any mention of its findings or conclusions and restricted my comments to general background information. I was particular keen on conveying to him that the Project was not intended to assail the CIA but should be viewed as a form of self-criticism initiated by the DCI and intended to improve the process of national estimates.

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