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Mr. Frank R. Barnett, President
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Dear Mr. Barnett:

I keenly appreciate your thoughtful invitation to attend your Forum on December 6 in New York. Unfortunately, commitments that week will keep me in Washington. I am sorry not to be with you.

Cordially,

Richard Helms

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What is NSIC?

The National Strategy Information Center (NSIC), organized in 1962, assists professional societies, associations and the general public to study the relation of military power, geopolitics and communications theory to national goals. It has organized forums on comparative ideology, economic warfare, and propaganda analysis for such groups as the Young Presidents Organization, the Steel Service Center Institute and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. For four years, it has worked with a Standing Committee of the American Bar Association to support some 20 university summer institutes for high school teachers on "Democracy vs. Communism."

NSIC's first major book, a symposium of twenty-six authorities, is entitled PEACE AND WAR IN THE MODERN AGE; Frank R. Barnett, William C. Mott and John C. Neff (editors); Doubleday; 1965. Contributors include Dean Acheson, Arleigh Burke, Allen Dulles, Dwight Eisenhower, Dean Rusk and scholars who lecture to the War Colleges and write for the military and foreign policy quarterlies.

In 1964, the Center distributed to high school debate teams in 30 states 7,000 gift copies of an analysis of the semantics and security implications of "peaceful coexistence" as used in Communist journals and Party memoranda. The 126-page abstract and commentary was prepared for the American Bar Association by scholars at The Center for Strategic Studies at Georgetown University. In 1965, NSIC distributed 5,000 copies of a panel discussion on "Detente and the National Security" conducted before the joint student body of The Industrial College of the Armed Forces and The National War College, and published in THE GENERAL ELECTRIC FORUM. Other contributors to this issue of the journal included foreign correspondent Roscoe Drummond, Under Secretary of State George W. Ball and General Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Since 1962 the New York Committee, National Strategy Seminars has called upon NSIC to suggest topics and provide speakers for its annual series of 12 lectures. These seminars, held each year since 1958 at Town Hall in New York City, are organized by New York alumni of field courses conducted by The Industrial College of the Armed Forces, under the chairmanship of Frank A. Vanderlip, Jr. Because of the high quality and intrinsic educational value of this program, the Department of Defense has officially sponsored and certified it for reserve point credit for all services.

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