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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

12 December 1986

Mr. Albert Wohlstetter

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Dear Albert:

Many thanks for your kind note of December 5th. I am happy to forward to you a copy of my speech at the Commonwealth Club and also include a copy of a speech I delivered the same day to the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Regards,

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Robert M. Gates

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ALBERT WOHLSTETTER

December 5, 1986

Mr. Robert Gates
Deputy Director
CIA
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

The PFIAB staff sent me some excerpts from your splendid talk before the Commonwealth Club in California. It was very clear, concrete and basic. Just the sort of thing that is likely to be missed in the confused debate on process that has gotten under way. It's essential but will take quite an effort of the will in the next two years to remember that substance is not a distraction.

May I have a copy of the complete talk?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Wohlstetter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Albert Wohlstetter

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Mr. Robert Gates
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The Soviets and SDI

An Address to the World Affairs Council of Northern California
(Bay Area International Forum)
by Robert M. Gates, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
November 25, 1986

One of the most significant developments in the nuclear age was the President's call to the nation in March 1983 to research a strategic defense system to protect the United States and its allies. This visionary concept and the President's determination to bring it to reality initially was greeted with widespread skepticism and a good deal of head shaking over his presumed naivete. And yet, as the nation's scientists and engineers have been mobilized, the technologies examined, and successful tests carried out a growing number of scientific and political leaders have come not only to accept the validity of the concept but the wisdom of implementing it. While skeptics and critics continue to voice their doubts, there is one person in the world who believes nearly as strongly as Ronald Reagan that SDI will work and that America can build it if it decides to do so -- and that person is Mikhail Gorbachev.

It seemed appropriate to me to speak today in this center of high technology development not of our own SDI with which some of you are more familiar than I am but rather the Soviet approach to strategic defense and their own pursuit of SDI type

War By Another Name

An Address to the Commonwealth Club of California
by Robert M. Gates, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
November 25, 1986

The most divisive and controversial part of American foreign policy for nearly four decades has been our effort in the Third World to preserve and defend pro-Western governments, to resist Communist aggression and subversion, and to promote economic development and democracy.

Our continuing difficulty in formulating a coherent and sustainable bipartisan strategy for the Third World over two generations contrasts sharply with the Soviet Union's relentless effort there to eliminate Western influence, establish strategically located client Communist states, and to gain access to strategic resources.

But while we may debate strategy and how to respond, the facts of Soviet involvement in major Third World conflicts are undeniable. Consider two very painful memories:

- It is clear that the Soviet Union, and Stalin personally, played a central role in prompting North Korea's invasion of the South in 1950, the cause of our

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20 October 1986

Mr. Casimir A. Yost
Executive Director
World Affairs Council
of Northern California
World Affairs Center
312 Sutter Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Mr. Yost:

This is to confirm arrangements for CIA Deputy Director Robert M. Gates to address the Bay Area International Forum (BAIF) of the World Affairs Council on Tuesday, 25 November, at the City Club of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

The reception is scheduled for noon, lunch at 12:15 p.m. and his remarks at 12:45 p.m. The proposed format is 30 minutes of remarks followed by 15 minutes of Questions and Answers. Departure is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Since this is an off-the-record event, we request that you do not put out a press release, and that you have neither print media nor electronic media covering his appearance. According to our conversation, foreign nationals will not be in the audience. We ask that a podium with a mike be available. Also, according to my conversation with Mr. McCadden, you do not normally tape the speaker's remarks. We will be glad to abide by your practice in this case. We would appreciate receiving a list of attendees with their corporate designations and short biographies of several of the gentlemen who will be hosting Mr. Gates. Would you also include a paragraph on the background of the BAIF?

Enclosed as you requested is a photograph and biography of Mr. Gates. If you have any further questions on the arrangements for the event or if there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to call me on (703) 351-2053.

Sincerely,

Mary Evelyn Dean

Mary Evelyn Dean
Public Affairs

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cc: John McCadden
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2 October 1986

Mr. Robert Gates
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

I am delighted that you have accepted our invitation to speak to the Bay Area International Forum of the World Affairs Council on November 25. BAIF is composed of an influential group of local CEOs, academics and civic leaders.

Your address will follow a luncheon in the City Club of the St. Francis Hotel, located in Union Square. There will be a brief reception at noon, followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Your remarks before BAIF are off the record, and no foreign nationals will be in the audience and no members of the press will be present.

I would appreciate it if you would forward to me at your earliest convenience a topic for your presentation and a copy of your Curriculum Vitae.

I hope these arrangements are satisfactory. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Casimir A. Yost
Executive Director

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cc: Mary Dean
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August 22, 1986

Mr. Robert Gates
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

After ten years on Capitol Hill, most recently on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I have become the new Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Northern California. It was a privilege for me, during my years on the Hill, to work closely with people in the Agency. I value the friendships I made and appreciated the professionalism with which I was treated by your personnel.

It would be my hope that I might entice you to come to San Francisco to speak. The Bay Area International Forum (BAIF), made up of senior executives of the major Bay Area corporations and financial institutions, might provide the right audience for you. The meetings of this Council-affiliated organization are off the record and conducive to an in-depth exchange of views.

If, in principle, you would be prepared to come west, I would appreciate a contact in your office with whom I might arrange specific scheduling for sometime this fall.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Casimir A. Yost
Executive Director

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