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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:
National Intelligence Officer for USSR

SUBJECT: Invitation from Harold Brown

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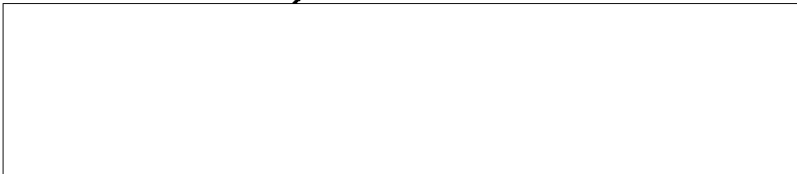
1. Harold Brown has asked me to address a seminar group he chairs periodically at SAIS, to introduce a discussion of Soviet views of the US-Soviet relationship (attached are the invitation letter, a list of participants, and an outline of my proposed remarks).
2. Although the subject matter, timing, and participants could make this a slightly tricky occasion, I am confident that I can make a useful contribution while staying out of trouble on policy or security grounds, having done this kind of thing often over the years. I chanced to meet Simon Serfaty the other day -- he supports Harold Brown on this project. He said that Richard Perle spoke to the group entirely off the record, and it would accept those rules if I were permitted to speak.
3. Bob Gates advised that you ought to rule on this one personally. I recommend that you approve my participation.
4. The group is fairly balanced, although I'd characterize its center of gravity as somewhat to the "left" on US-Soviet issues. I've heard from participants that the group is one of the best discussion fora of the many that operate, frequently with the same dramatic personae, in this town. Moreover, Harold Brown is a very responsible figure and will respect the ground rules under which I must operate. (A factor that urges me to accommodate him is that he was very supportive of me during some critical fire fights in the previous administration.)

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5. We should be very sparing addressing the policy "intelligentsia" of this town outside the government. But occasionally opportunities come along to raise the sobriety level and, in so doing, to gain respect for the Agency and to make sensible policymaking easier.

6. As you can see from my proposed talk outline, I would focus solely on the Soviet Union and describe the various influences on its policy toward the US currently.



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VC/NIC Recommendation: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Comment: *AS PER #3, DCI'S CALL. WJM*

C/NIC Recommendation: Approved 8 _____ Disapproved _____

Comment:

/s/ William J. Casey

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DCI Decision: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Bill/Sohn - This is a useful audience to reach with a dose of realism and, if [] is careful, it could be to our net advantage in several ways. I'd let him go + stick to his attached outline (+ watch his Ps+Qs in the Q+A).

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Rq.

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November 30, 1984

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CIA Headquarters
 National Intelligence Council
 Room 7E62
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Dear Fritz:

The Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute —which, as you may know, I have agreed to chair— is currently sponsoring a Policy Study Group on U.S.-Soviet relations. The purpose of this group is to review the current state of U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, and to discuss policy options that should be considered during the months and years ahead. A list of the members of the group is enclosed with this letter.

I am writing to invite you to lead the discussion for the second of our meetings which is scheduled for December 17. More specifically, I would like to have you speak on the issue of Soviet defense policy in the context of U.S.-Soviet relations. As you see it, what is the Soviet perception of the past four years, and what are their current expectations concerning the resumption of arms control negotiations? To what extent is their preoccupation with SDI likely to influence Soviet thinking, and in what direction? Beyond arms control, can they be induced into a measure of political accommodation in selected areas —where, or why not? What do we know of the impact which existing political uncertainties in Moscow has or may have on their current attitudes and policies? In short, what is the Soviet outlook on what prevails now and what are their long-term security objectives?

These are all questions which our first guest speaker, Richard Perle, covered from the perspective of the administration at the time of our first meeting on November 26. Needless to add, you may choose to address yourself to some of these questions only, or raise other related questions which you find more pertinent. In any case, your willingness to be with us on this occasion, combined with the quality of the group that will attend the meeting, ensures us of a discussion that will be especially stimulating and constructive.

A few final words about the logistics of the meeting. As indicated, it will be held on Monday, December 17. We will start at 6:00 p.m. promptly in Room 207 at SAIS, and pursue our discussion until approximately 10:00 p.m., with dinner served at 8:00 in Room 610. The dinner will be a working dinner, meaning by this that as coffee is being served, we will resume the debate that will have been initiated earlier following your remarks. I will chair the meeting, and we will have two rapporteurs who will be taking notes throughout the meeting.

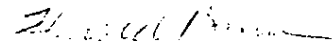
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Please give me a call if you need any further information. Or should I be out of town, be in touch with Simon Serfaty, the executive director of the Institute.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Harold Brown

Enclosure



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