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Talking Points
for the
DCI - SECSTATE Meeting
19 October 1988

Moscow Embassy

ISSUE:

- o State needs Intelligence Community help in developing a strategy for presenting the Administration position to Congress on the State-DCI approved plans for a secure embassy in Moscow.
- o We are willing to assist State in developing the strategy and in discussing the best way to achieve the fullest security possible at a reasonable cost but will not provide NFIP funding for embassy construction.

DISCUSSION:

- o In the development of options for dismantling and rebuilding the New Office Building, security considerations have been paramount.
- o There is no question that a secure facility is essential and the Intelligence Community is committed to assisting State in developing secure options.
- o The fiscal realities are such that neither State nor the Intelligence Community can afford a \$300 million building.
- o The cost figures we have now are soft and better ones will not be available until spring. Even so it may be time to bring other experts to the table to weigh the alternatives.
- o Expertise from both the security and budget areas of the Intelligence Community will be necessary as we move toward refining the options for the New Office Building.
- o There is an immediate need for State to identify the funding profile necessary for the New Office Building for their FY 1990 budget request.
- o We are prepared to assist State in working out a reasonable approach to presenting a funding request for the New Office Building and will assist in gaining Congressional approval.

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