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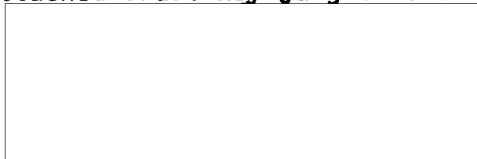
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Acting Chairman
SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with National Intelligence Officers
Wednesday 0930

1. This half-hour session will be a preview discussion of a National Intelligence Estimate now in the drafting stage; "Whither the Soviet Union." It describes Soviet leader Gorbachev's reforms and their implications for the West.

2. The subjects covered in this estimate are inevitably cosmic in nature. We are on very firm ground in assessing current trends in Soviet politics and policies, but our judgments concerning what the Soviet Union will look like 10-15 years from now are inherently speculative. As such, we expect considerable controversy about those judgments as well as disagreements about the implications of various scenarios for the United States and the Western alliance. We want to use this session with you to surface some of these judgments and the probable areas of disagreement.

3. You may wish to read the attached draft key judgments of the estimate prior to the meeting.

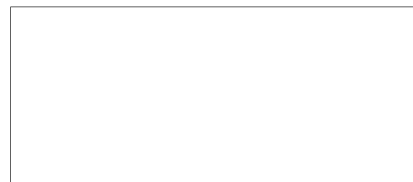


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