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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: John J. Bird
National Intelligence Officer for Warning
SUBJECT: Approval of TDY to US Naval War College,
24-28 June 1985

1. Request approval for NIO/W to travel to the US Naval War College for seminar discussions and a war game conducted for the Chief of Naval Operations. The discussions and game will examine pre-global war crisis warning and reaction.

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2. My participation has been solicited because of my attendance at the recent successful seminar on the same subject with the Commanders 2nd Fleet and Fleet Marine Forces Europe/Atlantic. The CNO has been driving the US Navy toward a new strategy--still partially undefined--that would involve the Navy in a more decisive way early in a NATO-Warsaw Pact conflict. The keys to the changes in strategy, now being made or discussed, are early warning and early reaction. The CNO has invited participants from five allied nations located in NATO's northern tier. The CNO's representative invited me by phone and said the formal invitation is in the mail. He also said the Navy will pay my travel expenses. I am enthusiastic about making warning count and believe that through efforts like this intelligence is starting to mean something in the formulation of strategy.

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3. of my staff will represent the NIO/W during this time period.

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APPROVED:

Robert M. Gates

Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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