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REMARKS:			
We need to organize a briefing(s) for OTA per the attached request. Could you talk among yourselves (Gershwin [redacted]) regarding the most reasonable and least disruptive way of assisting OTA and call us with your ideas.			
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Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you again for arranging the informative meeting earlier this week on anti-satellite weapons issues between some of our staff and some of your analysts. As you know, the ASAT Technical Memorandum we are working on is part of a larger study of "New Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies," a study requested of OTA by the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In carrying out this study, it would be of great help to us to be able to explore the following points with relevant CIA analytic staff:

- 1) Description of current Soviet BMD (Ballistic Missile Defense) research, development and testing.
- 2) Likely Soviet policies toward BMD and the ABM Treaty in the absence of any U.S. initiatives in these areas.
- 3) Strategic implications of U.S. SDI development and deployment, including political and arms control implications -- specifically for ABM treaty.
- 4) Plausible Soviet countermeasures to SDI deployment including changes in offensive forces (ballistic missiles, bombers, cruise missiles).
- 5) Plausible Soviet analogous responses to SDI, such as directed energy system development, conventional Soviet ABM systems.
- 6) The Soviet record to date on compliance with the ABM Treaty.
- 7) U.S. capabilities (current and future) for verifying current and possible future arms control agreements on ballistic missile defenses (including national technical means and cooperative arrangements).

I realize that this is a rather full menu of issues, so, if necessary, we are prepared to make more than one visit to cover it. We would appreciate having the first meeting as soon as possible after Labor Day, September 3, 1984. I should add that our ability to keep that appointment is contingent upon final approval of SCI clearances for two of our staff whose applications are

still pending. The members of our staff with current SCI clearances who would probably attend these meetings are as follows:

Dr. Peter Sharfman, Program Manager, International Security and Commerce
Dr. Thomas Karas, Project Director, New Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies
Dr. Robert Rochlin, Senior Analyst (his SCI clearances are through the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, from which we have him on detail)

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In addition, we would hope that by September the following two people would have received their SCI clearances and would also be able to attend:

Dr. Alan Shaw, Senior Analyst
Dr. Gerald Epstein, Analyst.

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Should the new clearances not yet have been granted, we would hope that postponement of the meeting to a mutually convenient time could be arranged.

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If there are any documents that it would be useful for us to read beforehand, we would appreciate access to them. (I believe that our security officer, Tom McGurn, will be contacting you about arranging for CIA approval of OTA secure storage facilities for non-SCI classified materials.)

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

Tom Karas

Thomas H. Karas

8/21 We will not provide documents therefore no need for survey. McGurn informed I said present arrangement, whereby they read at HQ is ok - not as convenient, but ok.

Be Aussen 3 & 17 Sept with or without

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