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NOTE TO: Mr. Ronald Lauder
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
for European and NATO Policy
(International Security Policy)

Ron -

I have pressed both our European and Soviet offices in an effort to find someone with appropriate qualifications to send to your office on rotational assignment. When we talked, I was moderately optimistic that we could find a highly qualified individual.

Unfortunately, my optimism was unjustified. Despite considerable encouragement (and pressure) we have simply been unable to identify an appropriate person at this time. We will continue to look. The several officers we have provided to your office have all benefited from the experience and I regret that we could not fill the position at this time.

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Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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