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NOTE TO: Deputy Director of Intelligence
FROM: Executive Assistant/DDI
SUBJECT: DI Publication for Passage to
Senator Bentsen

Attached is a letter for your signature transmitting a copy of a SOVA research paper entitled "Soviet Needs for Western Petroleum Technology and Equipment." As DDI, Bob Gates sent a copy of the unclassified version to the Senator and mentioned that the DI would soon be publishing a classified version. The Senator sent a letter on 29 April in response to Bob's letter telling him he was looking forward to receiving the paper. D/OCA was given the action which was due 8 May.

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The DDCI will be away all week and Diane said if you had no problem with it, to have you sign the memo.

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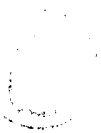
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The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

Enclosed is a copy of the classified version of the research paper, "Soviet Needs for Western Petroleum Technology and Equipment," that Bob Gates referred to in his letter of 14 April 1986. I hope you will find it informative. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Bob:

First, let me extend my congratulations on your confirmation as DDCI. I am confident that you will live up to all the confidence that has been shown in you by so many people. I look forward to working successfully with you in your new capacity as much as I did in your old one.

Second, I appreciate your work in having the study on the "Role of Western Equipment in Soviet Oil and Gas Development" sanitized and released in an unclassified version. As I indicated in my letter to Bill Casey, it is always useful to have available for the public debate as much relevant information as possible. I am also looking forward to the new study on this topic, which you indicated will be published shortly.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen

Washington D.C. 20505

DDI #01199-86
14 April 1986

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

In response to your letter to Bill Casey of March 11th, we have sanitized our study on the "Role of Western Equipment in Soviet Oil and Gas Development." An unclassified version of this paper is enclosed for your use. We also are providing copies to the Department of Defense, Commerce and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for their use.

We will soon publish a classified major research paper on this topic which should provide additional information, although it would not be available for public use.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence



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