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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

FROM: MG Larry D. Budge, USA  
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SUBJECT: Net Assessment

1. On 22 January 1988, the undersigned received a telephone call from Mr. Rick Finn, a staffer with the Senate Armed Services Committee.

2. As a part of INF Treaty ratification hearings, Senator Nunn plans to invite either Andy Marshall, Director, DoD Net Assessment, or a representative from the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-8) to present a briefing on their Net Assessment of War in Europe. What did I think about inviting someone from CIA to comment?

3. I explained that the Intelligence Community and CIA were only now getting into net assessments, per the direction of Senator Nunn. We are gearing up to participate as full partners with JCS in the 1988-89 Joint Military Net Assessment. Neither the Intelligence Community nor CIA had participated directly in the 1987 JCS net assessment or Andy Marshall's net assessment (which was also done in 1987). Intelligence input for those studies was provided by DIA. Therefore, it would be unfair to all parties to ask the Intelligence Community/CIA to comment on a study in which they had not participated. Next year at this time, we would be happy to participate in a net assessment briefing.

4. Mr. Finn seemed to understand and accept my explanation. He promised to call if he had any questions and to keep us informed of any developments in net assessment from the SASC viewpoint.

  
Larry D. Budge

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