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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: John E. McLaughlin  
Deputy Director of European Analysis

SUBJECT: Colloquium with International Relations Scholars

1. As part of the Directorate's outreach effort, we will be hosting a distinguished group of international relations scholars on 28-29 April. This is a follow-up to a highly successful session we had with a group of leading economists in November. The aim of these programs is to introduce influential academics to the Directorate (the participants have had little previous contact), establish closer personal contact with them, and impress them with the high caliber of our work and people. Naturally, we hope they will also conclude that this is a good place to send some of their best students. [redacted]

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2. We have acceptances from 28 professors, whose specialities include nearly all of the regional areas and functional issues covered by the Directorate; many are also pathbreakers on the theoretical and methodological issues in their disciplines. The group includes a number of very senior professors, but most are likely to be active and influential with students for at least another decade. (See Attachment A.) [redacted]

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3. We are planning to repeat several sessions that were very successful in our earlier meeting with the economists: an opening overview of the Agency by an officer from Public Affairs, a panel discussion with some of our newer analysts, and a closing address by the DDCI. In addition, we are arranging four other presentations (see Attachment B): [redacted]

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-- Analysis in CIA. Feedback from the economists called for more up front information on our Directorate. We will highlight similarities and differences between the academic and intelligence worlds and convey some sense of our "culture." [redacted]

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- Patterns of Change in the Communist World. This panel is intended as a primer on how we go about analyzing Communist systems rather than a guide to CIA substantive positions. We will wade into substance, however, by addressing questions such as the prospects for systemic change in the Communist world and whether such change would be good or bad for the United States. [redacted] 25X1
- Instability: Grappling with a Key Functional Issue. Here we will describe how instability came to the fore as an intelligence problem. We will use case studies to illustrate how academic work has contributed to our approach and how insights from different disciplines have helped us attack the problem. [redacted] 25X1
- Terrorism as an Intelligence Issue. Drawing on various open source materials, the panel will illustrate how "non-traditional" sources, [redacted] contribute to locating terrorists and estimating their capabilities. We will also describe how the Directorate fits into the overall US effort on counterterrorism and how it supports agencies as diverse as State, FAA, and the Secret Service. [redacted] 25X1

4. Following the presentations on 28 April, we will be hosting a reception for the professors in the Executive Dining Room from 1700-1845. We would be pleased if you could join us during the reception. Naturally, we'd be glad to have you at any of the other sessions as well. [redacted]

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John E. McLaughlin

Attachments:

- A. List of Participating Professors
- B. Schedule of Colloquium

cc: DDCI  
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR DI INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COLLOQUIUM

27 - 29 APRIL 1988

27 April

- 1800-1930 - Introductory Reception and Buffet.  
Guests and Colloquium Committee (Hilton-Tyson)

28 April

- 0800-0945 - Breakfast. [ ] Public Affairs Office.  
(Hilton-Madison Room)
- 0945-1000 - Bus to Headquarters.
- 1000-1045 - DI Overview - Helene Boatner
- 1045-1100 - Break
- 1100-1230 - Presentation: Communist World in Turmoil.  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 1230-1345 - Lunch. Presenters and DI Officers.  
(Executive Dining Room, 7D40)
- 1400-1530 - Presentation: Instability  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 1530-1545 - Break
- 1545-1645 - New Analysts Panel.  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 1645-1700 - Break
- 1700-1845 - Reception. DI Office Directors, Deputies and  
Officials of other Agencies  
(Executive Dining Room, 7D40)

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29 April

- 0830-0900 - Bus to Headquarters
- 0900-0915 - Final Administrative Details  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 0915-1045 - Presentation: Terrorism  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 1045-1100 - Break
- 1100-1200 - Address by the DDCI, Robert Gates  
(DCI Conference Room, 7D64)
- 1300 - Meetings with counterparts.
- 1400 - Latest guest checkout.

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