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The Honorable Dave Durenberger, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the Classified Supplement to the FY 1987 Intelligence Authorization Act, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was requested to submit a report on Agency training in combatting Marxism-Leninism. In accordance with that direction, enclosed is the response prepared by CIA.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant General, USAF

Enclosure

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**SUBJECT: Congressionally Directed Action to Chairman, SSCI**

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## CIA Training in Marxism-Leninism

1. CIA created the Soviet Realities Institute in March 1986 to educate Agency officers on Communist activities worldwide and the workings of the Soviet system. The Institute's curriculum includes the following:

- "Communism in the Contemporary World," covering such topics as the principles of Marxism, party organization, front activities, relations among Communist parties, and the appeal of Communism in the Third World.
- "Perspectives on the Soviet Union," consisting of seminars conducted by leading American scholars aimed at providing an integrated view of the Soviet system.
- Segments on the Soviet system focusing separately on such subjects as the Soviet economy, military programs, foreign policy, domestic politics, science and technology, and the intelligence services.

2. CIA also provides training in Marxist-Leninist ideology in our Career Trainee Program. One week of the program is devoted to Marxism-Leninism philosophy, the social-psychological aspects of Party life, Soviet military history and doctrine, Marxist insurgencies, Soviet intelligence and security services, and Soviet involvement in the Third World.

3. Future plans for the Soviet Realities Institute include developing a new segment on Soviet Society and Culture and organizing a lecture series featuring Harold Sonnenfeldt and Irina McClelland, a Soviet emigre who will discuss the role of religion in Soviet society and problems the Orthodox Church faces. We are also developing an eight-week program for summer student trainees who will be potential Career Trainees. One week will be a rigorous examination of Marxism-Leninism principles, the nature of Soviet society, and the Soviet threat. As this program evolves, we will invite leading specialists in these fields to participate.

4. Offices from the State Department, Department of Defense, National Security Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have attended our courses, [redacted] resource constraints--both personnel and space--have limited outside participation. We could, however, provide video tapes of class presentations to other members of the Intelligence Community, and assist them in developing or improving training programs.

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