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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
(SSCI) on NIE 11-3-8, 17 May 1983

1. On 17 May 1983, Larry Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs, briefed the SSCI on National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) 11-3-8. The closed briefing was held in Room S-407, The Capitol. A transcript was taken. (U)

2. Present from the Committee were:

Barry Goldwater (R., AZ), Chairman
Daniel Moynihan (D., NY), Vice Chairman
Patrick Leahy (D., VT)
William Cohen (R., ME) (U)

3. Present from the Committee Staff were:

Rob Simmons, Staff Director	Gary Schmitt
Vicki Toensing	Peter Sullivan
Steve Flanagan	Ed Cohen
Jean Evans	Sam Bouchard
Eric Newsom	Chip Andreae
Bob Butterworth	John Elliff
Dot Roberson	Dan Finn
Ben Marshall	Kathleen McGee
Larry Kettlewell	Don Wynnyczok
Jim Dykstra	Angelo Codevilla (U)

4. Mr. Gershwin began by explaining how the NIE is prepared. He went into detail on the entire process as well as the coordination between the participating Agencies. He told the Members that there was a concern for accuracy and also for giving the reader a clear sense of the range of uncertainty which exists in any part of the estimate. Mr. Gershwin told the Members that the NIO and the NIE process are separate from the regular CIA organization. All agencies which take part in drawing up the parts of the NIE have equal status. With the present NIE, he said, DOD considers it their NIE not CIA's. He believed that this was a desirable situation. (S)


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5. Mr. Gershwin then went into an explanation of some of the substantive aspects of the NIE. He explained several graphics relating to projections of various Soviet weapons systems. Senator Moynihan, at about 1200 hours, repeated what the Chairman had said earlier: we would like to have you back when more Members can be present. Mr. Gershwin said he would be available whenever the Committee or any of its Members or staff could see him. On that amicable note the briefing was concluded. The staff will contact us to set a date for the next briefing. (S)

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