

The Director of Central Intelligence
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National Intelligence Council

Lt. General James Williams
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Room 2 C 238, The Pentagon

Dear Gen. Williams:

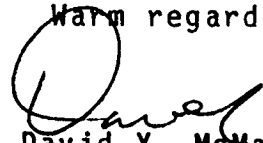
This is just a brief note to commend [redacted] of DB-1E for his Appraisal 16-84, "Yugoslavia: Military Involvement in the Political Sphere," dated 6 February 1984. Most analysis has played down the potential for martial law by rationalizing or even ignoring the evidence of increased military involvement in the political arena. [redacted] appraisal is a factual and straightforward treatment that is most commendable. Although I believe his conclusions are more benign than the evidence warrants, his appraisal is the most balanced presentation I have read and thus serves warning well. I especially commend [redacted] for maintaining a careful distinction between what are his opinions and what the evidence conveys. I believe he has made a timely and useful contribution to Community coverage of this important issue.

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Warm regards,



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