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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Director of Current Intelligence
Director of Strategic Research
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Director of Weapons Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Chief, SE Division
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community
NIO/Strategic Programs
NIO/Conventional Forces
NIO/USSR

SUBJECT : DIA Symposium on Soviet Military Doctrine
and Strategy

1. Attached is a 31 December memorandum to the DCI from General Graham describing a symposium DIA is organizing in two parts: an analyst/action officer level session on 22-24 January and a later senior level discussion of the agenda developed in the action officer session.

2. To some extent, this symposium is the outgrowth of a briefing I was given on warning by the EUCOM J-2 staff during my November visit to Stuttgart. The J-2 staff presented some views on Warsaw Pact Strategic Doctrine and Planning (basically involving initiation of hostilities with the forces already deployed and without prior reinforcement from the Soviet Union). The thoughts of the EUCOM J-2 staff are in some respects similar to those independently developed by some able members of OSR with whom I had held a similar discussion prior to my departure from Washington. I therefore suggested that it might be useful for knowledgeable working-level officers dealing with such matters in EUCOM, in DIA and in the Agency to get together in one room to compare thoughts, interpretations and evidence. [redacted]

[redacted] immediately seconded the idea but in a way that clearly suggested that he was planning to participate. I stalled him by saying I would take the matter up

with General Graham upon my return and emphasizing (I thought successfully) that it would be far more useful for working-level analysts steeped in the details of the subject to get together rather than their seniors. I did indeed mention this thought to General Graham after my return and he too endorsed the concept. The end result is a far more complex undertaking than the one I had initially envisaged.

3. Although the game has gotten slightly out of hand, I still think the subjects General Graham proposes to address are ones of common interest to all of this memorandum's recipients. I would therefore appreciate it if any of you who are interested in having your associates participate would let me know. We will make contact with the persons mentioned in the last paragraph of General Graham's memorandum and I will have an appropriate response prepared after receiving your thoughts and reactions.

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Attachment

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