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Dear Doctor:

The recently published book, "The Mind of Adolf Hitler" by Cambridge psychiatrist Dr. Walter Langer, surfaces a proposition that our government should be having expert psychiatric "profiles" made of all international leaders -- such as the one Dr. Langer and three colleagues did on Hitler for the OSS in 1943.

These "long distance" analyses, of friends and foes alike, would advise U.S. politicians of the personalities with whom they would be negotiating. Such knowledge, Dr. Langer believes, might change our approaches and the net results -- supposedly for the better.

I'd like very much to know what you think about Dr. Langer's suggestion, and hope you'll take a few minutes to check off the following questions:

1. Do you think it would be possible to do meaningful, accurate psychiatric evaluations of other nations' leaders? Yes No
2. If possible to do fairly accurate analyses, do you think the potential benefits to our country and the world would outweigh the potential dangers? Yes No
3. What dangers do you see from such "psychiatric diplomacy"?

Please use the reverse side for any additional comments you may care to make on Dr. Langer's proposal. We enclose a postage paid envelope and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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