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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: CIA Report on Soviet Intelligence Activities at Talks in Helsinki

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Thus far, we have received no further reports of similar incidents.

That Soviet intelligence should be active at the SALT talks is, of course, not surprising in view of the unusual qualifications of our representatives. However, [Redacted] I believe nothing beyond the precautions Gerard Smith has instituted is required.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

19 November 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Helsinki Talks

1. I bring the following to your attention as of interest to you and perhaps the President.

[Redacted]

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3. [Redacted] Ambassador Smith called a meeting of the entire American delegation and staff, as a result of this development, and re-emphasized the security hazards inherent in the situation at Helsinki. A system has been put into effect by Ambassador Smith for reporting all Soviet contacts locally. These reports will be passed to the State Department Regional Security Officer [Redacted]

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[Redacted] While the motive for such a course of action is not clear, several possibilities are suggested:

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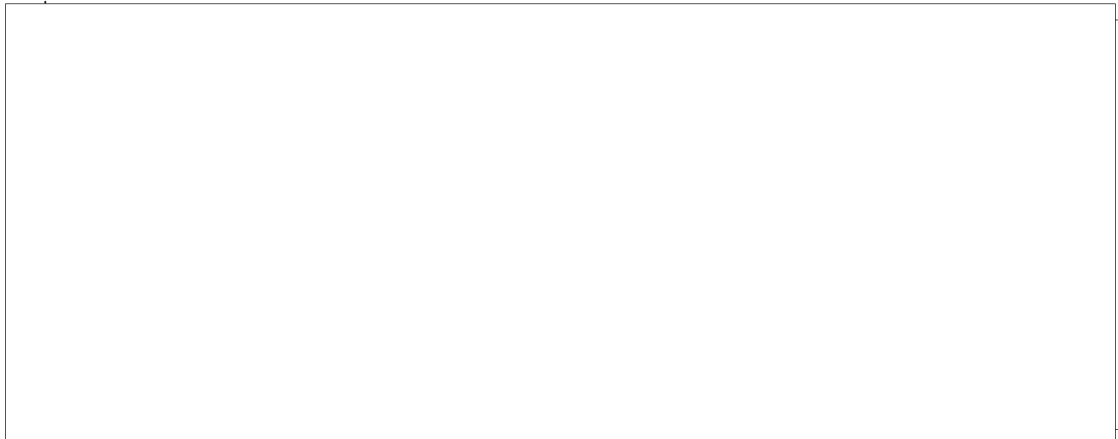
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c. This could be an attempt to provoke the United States into making an official protest which the Soviets could then, if they wished, cite as evidence that the United States is trying to sabotage the talks.

5. If there should be further developments of interest I will advise you.

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Richard Helms
Director

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ACTION

November 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: CIA Report on Soviet Intelligence Activities at Talks in Helsinki

Attached (Tab A) is a memo to the President concerning the DCI's report

[redacted]

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I think the CIA interpretation (Tab B) is a bit far-fetched and you may not wish to forward the whole memo to the President at this time.

Basically, it is not surprising that the KGB should mount an operation in this situation and it can be assumed that they will try to see what the traffic will bear. Obviously, if they repeat [redacted] we should consider active countermeasures.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab A to the President.

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