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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Admiral de Poix:

Mr. Kissinger has asked me to thank you for your letter of March 10 concerning Helmut Sonnenfeldt's December briefing of members of the intelligence community on impressions of Soviet leaders and policies. I am glad that session was useful to your analysts and we will look into the possibility of arranging other briefings of a similar nature with members of our staff who have had contacts that may be of interest to your agency.

Sincerely,




Brent Scowcroft  
Brigadier General, USAF

Vice Admiral V. P. de Poix  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20301

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 21, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: Jeanne W. D   
SUBJECT: DIA Interest in Briefings on Foreign Leaders by NSC Staff Members

Vice Admiral V. P. de Poix, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, has written Mr. Kissinger (Tab B) thanking him for a briefing Hal Sonnenfeldt gave in December for a few members of the intelligence community on his impressions of Soviet leaders and policies. The Admiral says Hal's briefing was of "exceptional value" to DIA analysts and expresses the hope that additional briefings of a similar nature can be arranged in the future.

Rob Ratliff thinks this is an excellent opportunity for us to establish useful rapport with some key people in the intelligence community, and suggests all interested intelligence agencies be invited to send representatives to any such briefings. If you concur, we will explore with John Holdridge, Dick Solomon and Dick Kennedy the possibility of their briefing on PRC and DRV personalities they may have met on their recent trips.

A courtesy reply to Admiral de Poix has been prepared for your signature (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

-- That you authorize us to arrange briefings of the intelligence community by our senior staff members when and if they wish to do so.

Approve  Other \_\_\_\_\_

-- That you sign the letter to Admiral de Poix at Tab A.

cc: Mr. Ratliff



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

NSC #1378

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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Last December 6th, Mr. Helmut Sonnenfeldt of the National Security Council (NSC) staff informally discussed with a few members of the intelligence community, including the Defense Intelligence Agency, the impressions of Soviet personalities and policies he gained during his Moscow visits. I want to express my appreciation for the information Mr. Sonnenfeldt gave us.

This type of information is very rarely available in the intelligence community, and we have found it to be of exceptional value in our work. The nuances conveyed by the Soviets in the give and take of policy discussions provided valuable background and enhanced understanding for our analysts.

Because it has proven to be so useful to us, I would hope further briefings could be arranged. If you agree, NSC staff members could contact Major General Graham, my Deputy Director for Estimates, to arrange such meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. P. de POIX".

V. P. de POIX  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director