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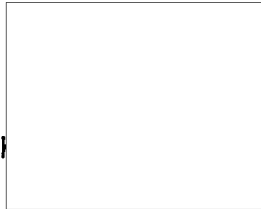
MEMORANDUM FOR: Hans Heymann
 National Intelligence Officer at Large

FROM : Special Assistant to the Director for
 Interdepartmental Affairs

SUBJECT : SNIE on Chemical Warfare

1. The Director asked this morning for a short statement on the nature of the evidence which has led us in our recent SNIE to conclude that the Soviets have, either directly or through their proxies, used chemical agents in South and Southeast Asia. What he means is specifics as to types of blood samples, the tests run, etc. He is on top of the judgments of the SNIE, but he feels a little bit weak on the nature of the evidence underlying those judgments.

2. The Director would like to have this as soon as possible, although he is not asking for it for any particular meeting. Because it should be a fairly simple and straightforward exercise, I ask that, if possible, you give it to me by close of business today. My suggestion is that you somehow summarize the discussion of the evidence in the SNIE and attach excerpts from the SNIE if necessary as backup.

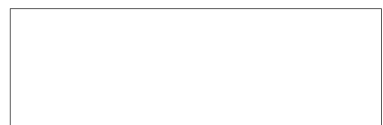


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