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NSPG MEETING ON SOVIET NONCOMPLIANCE WITH
ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS

DATE: December 20, 1983
LOCATION: Situation Room
TIME: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

PURPOSE

To review the major findings of an interagency study on Soviet noncompliance with arms control agreements. To consider when and in what context will these findings be reported to the Congress, Allies, and the general public.

BACKGROUND

There is an increasingly disturbing pattern of Soviet activity involving noncompliance or apparent circumvention concerning obligations undertaken under a number of major arms control agreements and commitments. You and other Administration officials, and many members of Congress, have publicly expressed serious concerns about these Soviet activities. In response to your tasking, the Administration has for the past half year and more undertaken an intensive interagency review of a number of the major compliance issues involved. In addition, the General Advisory Committee (GAC) to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has prepared a very extensive report, which has been forwarded to you and which we intend to brief to you early in January.

The initial interagency review has focused on seven specific issues to be addressed in a Secret-level Report to Congress. These include the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions, the Krasnoyarsk radar, the SS-X-25 missile, the SS-16 missile, encryption, the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, and the arms control provisions of the Helsinki Accords. In the days ahead, we also intend to focus our attention on a number of other specific concerns we have identified and tasked for analysis, including additional aspects of the SALT I and SALT II agreements and the Kennedy-Khrushchev agreement on offensive weapons in Cuba. In addition, we are considering the serious implications of these Soviet actions for our national security, and we are reviewing possible diplomatic and military options for subsequent consideration by you and the National Security Council.

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The agenda for this NSPG meeting is focused on a presentation of the Intelligence findings for the seven major issues ready at this point to be addressed in the proposed Report to Congress. We will review the legal obligations for each issue, the CIA briefer will summarize the Intelligence findings, and we will outline the Soviet views and the judgments of US agencies about whether or not the Soviet activity constitutes a breach of an obligation. In addition to this discussion of the findings, we will briefly review the proposed modalities and schedule for forwarding the Report to Congress in January, for consultations with the Congress and our Allies, and for public handling of the compliance issue. We will also address the proposed agenda for a mid-January NSC meeting on compliance issues, which will review agencies' initial thinking on implications and possible options concerning the troublesome Soviet activities.

PARTICIPANTS

Will be provided.

PRESS PLAN

No press.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Robert McFarlane will introduce the subject. CIA will then present a briefing on the major intelligence findings, with some discussion by agency principals. Robert McFarlane will then summarize the proposed scenario for Congressional and Alliance consultations, for Public Affairs, and for an NSC meeting on Compliance to be held in mid-January.

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Agenda for NSPG Meeting on Compliance

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