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169749	CABLE	MOSCOW 4012	2	3/23/1981	B1
169750	NOTE	R. DARMAN TO J. BAKER RE ATTACHED MEMO	1	3/23/1981	B1
169751	MEMO	R. ALLEN TO REAGAN RE SOVIET DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	1	3/17/1981	B1
169752	MEMO	R. ALLEN TO SECRETARY OF STATE RE SAME TOPIC AS DOC #169751	1	ND	B1

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169753	CABLE	MOSCOW 4086	5	3/24/1981	B1
169754	MEMO	TO J. NANCE RE ATTACHED REPORT PAR 10/8/2010 CREST NLR-748-21-7-14-2	1	3/24/1981	B1
169755	REPORT	RE SOVIET GROUND FORCES PAR 10/8/2010 CREST 748-21-7-14-2	8	3/1/1981	B1

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 12, 1981

MEMO FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ALLEN J. LENZ

I agree with Richard Pipes' recommendation. I know Mattoock slightly and have seen his work over the years.

I think he is strong and competent.

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SUBJECT: CANDIDATE FOR US AMB TO USSR

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169741	CABLE STATE 63758	4	3/13/1981	B1

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169742	CABLE MOSCOW 3572	3	3/13/1981	B1

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Per my conversation with
Fred Wethering, please transfer
this action to him. Comment to
Pipes, info to Gregg and me. (Please
send me copy of entire package).

Bob Kimmitt

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SCHARANSKY, ANATOLY

KUZLOV, ALEXSEI

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF KUZLOV FOR SCHARANSKY

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

DUE:

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Kimmitt S 3/07 any action per RVA commands RP, WE, DG

Wetterings S 3/10 action transferred RP, DG, RK

per Kimmitt

3/19 FW Memo To RVA
Allen
DISPATCH IX 3/19 for info
C 3/31 noted by RVA w/ comment

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PA (C) H.
RK, WE, RP, DG

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Soviet Union would begin to act like a country instead of a cause."

MR. VASEV: I would say this is a very sad statement. If really distinguished American diplomats means that then we are in for a hard time. Really the Soviet Union wants peace, wants peaceful and cooperative relations with the outside world, the United States including. And really we want to do this on a basis of equality. But we have certain ideology conceptions of how the world develops. The United States has as well.

There is a basis for our relationship which is called peaceful coexistence of countries with different social systems and it was our old line, and we continue to abide by it.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Minister, there is great concern in this country at the moment about what the Reagan Administration charges is your country's complicity in fomenting revolution in El Salvador. Would you like to first answer that charge?

MR. VASEV: I would say that is a groundless charge. Brezhnev spoke at the last Party Congress quite clearly saying that we are against the export of revolution. And if we are against how could we promote a Salvadorean revolution?

MR. CLARK: Well we think you are doing it by financing, not directly furnishing arms, but financing the shipment of arms to El Salvador.

MR. VASEV: This is not true.

MR. CLARK: Most of the arms, according to evidence

compiled by the United States, are coming through or from Cuba and Ethiopia. You supply arms to both of those countries. Do you put any restrictions on them at all? Does it bother you that those arms end up in El Salvador, many of them?

MR. VASEV: Our -- There are no Soviet arms introduced into El Salvador.

MR. CLARK: Nobody has charged that. They have charged you with -- with complicity --

MR. VASEV: I'm telling you that there are no complicity of the Soviet Union in fomenting a Salvadorean revolution. And anybody who knows something about internal developments in countries like Salvador should follow the line. ee

MR. CLARK: Well let me, if I may, just quote for a moment from the White Paper that our own Administration put out, tracing the flow of arms into El Salvador, and some of the specifics involving the Soviet Union. They say that the head of the Community Party in El Salvador, last June, met in Moscow with the Deputy Chief of the Latin American Section of the Foreign Relations Department of the Communist Central Committee, and that that official suggested that the -- this gentleman from El Salvador -- travel to Vietnam to seek arms and offered to pay for his trip. Is that true?

MR. VASEV: No, absolutely. That's an invention

MR. VANOCUR: Where does this get us, Mr. Minister?

Because --

MR. VAS. : I don't know. You -- I mean what sort of things you are trying to blame us for.

MR. CLARK: We're trying to determine whether these are facts or not.

MR. VASEV: That a communist from El Salvador visited the Soviet Union. And a question like this was piled-up. I refute that flatly.

MR. VANOCUR: No, what I'm trying to get at is Secretary of State Haig and the President have made El Salvador a test case. We hear the word linkage arising again. You deny complicity. We base our behavior toward you on this perception and you deny it, then where do we get?

MR. VASEV: I don't know. I don't -- Salvador is not a problem of Soviet-American relations. There is no Salvadorean problem in Soviet-American relations.

MR. VANOCUR: If the United States took action of a blockade against Cuba, would that become a matter?

MR. VASEV: That would be another point because that would be trying to take unlawful action against a country friendly to the Soviet Union. We will stand by Cubans. They are our friends. We won't leave them.

MR. CLARK: Well let me ask you this. The United States has taken the position historically, ever since the Monroe Doctrine in 1823, that we have a special interest in opposing foreign intervention in this hemisphere. Does the Soviet Union

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FROM : Major General Ennis C. Whitehead, Jr., USA
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SUBJECT : Reassessment of the Status of Soviet Ground Forces Divisions (U)

1. The Intelligence Community has changed its definition of Soviet Category III divisions, thus adding 10 low-strength divisions to the current order of battle. These organizations were previously carried as inactive ^{25X1} or mobilization base divisions. (S)



to be published this spring. It also will appear in the new US estimate now being drafted. (S)

3. Since the change gives the appearance of a sudden jump in Soviet capabilities (which it is not), I wanted you to be aware of the facts. (S)

4. DIA and State/INR are passing similar information to the Secretary level, and we shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress. (U)

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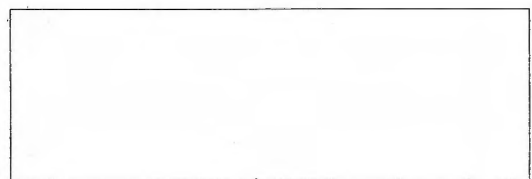
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REASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF SOVIET GROUND FORCES DIVISIONS

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OVERVIEW

The Intelligence Community has added 10 low-strength divisions, formerly considered inactive, to the order of battle for the Soviet Ground Forces. This increases our inventory of the number of active divisions—that is, divisions with a permanent cadre of officers and some enlisted personnel—from 174 to 184. This change does not, however, reflect a sudden move by the Soviets to increase the size of their army. Rather, it results from a reassessment of the continuing program of modernization and gradual expansion of the Ground Forces that has been under way in the USSR since at least 1965.

The reassessment is based on a detailed examination of the physical characteristics of the Soviet low-strength divisions¹ and a better understanding of how the Warsaw Pact structures its forces in peacetime. It also rests, in part, on new evidence which indicates that divisions may be active even though they are manned at less than 10 percent of their authorized wartime strength. Heretofore, the US Intelligence Community has used the 10-percent manning level as the principal criterion for distinguishing between active and inactive divisions.

In light of the evidence, the Community has partially revised its categorization descriptions to reflect the fact that a division manned at below 10 percent can be regarded as part of the active force if it meets certain other criteria. Essentially, these criteria include as element of the active force those divisions which have a full-time cadre of officers and enlisted personnel and which engage in routine training. The inactive divisions apparently consist of unit equipment sets to which only maintenance and security personnel are assigned and which do not routinely train.

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This reassessment will have little effect on current estimates of the USSR's ability to mobilize forces for operations against NATO. It does, however, recognize an actual increase in Soviet forces for the Far East, where five of the 10 divisions redesignated as a result of this change have been activated in the past three years. Three of the divisions are located in the principal military districts where forces are oriented against NATO, and these were activated before 1973. The remaining two divisions are located in the Moscow and Turkestan Military Districts. (See map.)

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