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ACTION

November 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARAANE

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK

SUBJECT:

Draft National Intelligence Estimate

The CIA has provided an advance draft of a National Intelligence Estimate concerning domestic stresses on the Soviet system (Tab I). Essentially it covers in greater detail the points made in the meeting of CIA analysts with the President Wednesday. You may wish to glance through it for further details.

John Lenczowski concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you review the attached draft NIE if time allows.

Disapprove____ Approve

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Tab I Draft NIE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM:

Robert M. Gates

Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

National Intelligence Estimate 11-18-85, "Domestic Stresses

on the Soviet System"

1. The DCI has instructed that I make available to you the <u>uncoordinated</u> draft of the forthcoming National Intelligence Estimate 11-18-85, "Domestic Stresses on the Soviet System," so that its themes can be of use in preparations for the meeting between the President and Gorbachev.

- 2. Please be reminded that this draft does <u>not</u> represent coordinated national intelligence. So far it is only the product of the National Intelligence Officer/USSR and select analysts of CIA/SOVA. Since we have not previously tackled this range of internal Soviet problems, it is more than usually difficult to anticipate final agency positions. I anticipate that some will take the position that this draft exaggerates the depth of Soviet internal difficulties and their constraining impact on Soviet foreign and military behavior. Others may feel that these Soviet problems make it more likely than this draft judges that the Gorbachev regime will compromise on security issues to achieve a relaxed and predictable course for East-West relations. Nevertheless, while dissents may be vigorous, I doubt they will be radically at variance with this draft.
- 3. We plan to submit a coordinated draft for approval by the National Foreign Intelligence Board on 14 November and to publish the NIE shortly thereafter.

Robert M. Gates

Attachment

cc: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

