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JIC PAPER

SOVIET UNION: CONCERN ABOUT A SURPRISE NATO ATTACK

Ref: JIC(84)(N)45 (3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Draft)

1. I attach the Committee Draft of the above paper. Formerly titled "WP: Reactions to NATO Exercise Able-Archer-83", this paper has aroused [redacted] at CIG level, and has been returned for further action twice by the JIC. The latest CIG (last Friday) decided on a [redacted] re-draft. Despite this, and promise to circulate the draft early "for comment", the attachment has only just been received (1415 hrs).

2. Since the paper covers aspects of interest to all addressees, DIS(CS) are required to co-ordinate all Mod comments. Depending on their nature, these will be put to the Assessment Staff by DI(AG)1 in advance of our pre-JIC meeting tomorrow, so that DCI can then be briefed accordingly.

3. Time is therefore extremely short and addressees are asked to provide an initial response to this office by close of play TODAY and, depending on the nature and extent of these, further details should be passed to AG(1) early tomorrow.