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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SOVIET POLITICAL ACTION WORKING GROUP

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. (C)

SUBJECT: Soviet Political Action Working Group:
January 13, 1984 Meeting

The second meeting of the Soviet Political Action Working Group reviewed the results of the December 15 meeting and initiated several new taskings:

-- Poland.

o USIA was tasked to prepare a paper concerning human rights violations in Poland. This document will be helpful not only in working with the Allies but also to provide support to our overall policy goals and objectives. This document is to be submitted by 15 February.

o A Polish emigre (Baraszewski), a member of the Home Army is now in Germany. He fought with the Allies at Monte Cassino in 1944. His views could be woven into a historical observance. State was requested to prepare an action--timed to fall on the 40th anniversary of the Monte Cassino battle--to commemorate the Polish role in the common defense of western values.

-- World Youth Festival. State/USIA were tasked to prepare a background paper on Soviet efforts to control international youth and student operations. Reference was made to International Youth Year (1985) and the Soviets plan to hold a World Youth Festival in Moscow in 1985. The paper would be useful in supporting our efforts to counter Soviet efforts to manipulate the youth sector. It would also be an instructive counterpart for use as we seek to encourage democratic youth to meet and to rededicate themselves to the concept of freedom and liberty (Jamaica 1985). This paper should be prepared by March 1.

-- Militarization of Soviet Society. Several members noted that a paper on this subject would be helpful. State and USIA should consult on the development of such a background item.

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-- International Peace Movement. Following discussion USUN was tasked to visit Batovrin, provide him with certain raw materials and have him cut tapes for use over RL/RFE and VOA.

-- Active Measures/Disinformation. The Active Measures Working Group representatives were tasked to pursue the action paper requested at our earlier meeting. The chairman noted that he had talked to Stan Levchenko who is prepared to work closely with us to develop an action plan to turn Soviet active measures back onto the Soviets, i.e. take the offensive. This paper should be developed and circulated to working group members no later than February 15.

-- Soviet Union-Afghanistan.

o The Committee reiterated its desire to receive from the Department of State a list of recommendations for action which were proposed at the State/Nebraska conference on Afghanistan. This paper should be provided to the chairman and circulated to other members by February 4.

o Committee members were encouraged to stimulate their organizations to publicize the Afghan question at the upcoming Islamic Conference at Morocco.

Other taskings, as noted in the December 15 paper should continue to be action items for the concerned agencies and/or departments.

In attendance at this meeting were Robert Kiernan, Gifford Malone, Robert Kagan, Herb Romerstein (USIA); Steve Mann, Jim Jatras, Joseph Duggan, Tony Salvia (State); Elie Krakowski, Ray Warren (OSD); [REDACTED] John Lenczowski, Walt Raymond (NSC).

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