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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Congressional Notification of MOHAWK RIVER - ACTION MEMORANDUM

The document Soviet Military Power will be presented to all Members of Congress in the afternoon following its release at your press conference at ~~11:30~~ a.m., Tuesday, September 29.

Attached for your approval is a cover letter which will go to all Members of the House and Senate along with a single copy of the document. Additional copies will be provided by LA to our appropriate jurisdictional committees.

Recommend your approval of letter at Tab A. We will coordinate the printing and distribution of the personalized cover letter.

Russell A. Rourke

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DRAFT LETTER INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSED TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

As you perhaps know, I asked that the attached study, "Soviet Military Power," be prepared in response to many requests to me from NATO Defense Ministers. Having heard our classified briefings at NATO Defense meetings earlier this year, they asked me for a declassified report they could present to wider audiences in their own countries. This is that report. In coordination with ICA, we are also distributing this study to our allies and friends to assist them to inform their own people of the real nature of the Soviet threat.

While our nation faces many challenges in this decade, there is no greater threat to our national security than the growing military power of the Soviet Union. This report provides a comprehensive evaluation of the total Soviet military threat, based on the latest intelligence we have. Much of the information it contains is newly declassified, and I hope it will be useful to you and to your constituents.

I will be releasing the document at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 29, 1981, and would ask that you consider it embargoed until that time.

If you have any questions, or want extra copies, please let me know. I hope you will find the study informative and helpful. I look forward to continue working with you to provide for our nation's defense.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: SPANISH TRANSLATION: SOVIET MILITARY POWER

REF: MADRID 14694, 14399, USICA 57203

1. SPANISH PUBLISHER, "MULTIPRESS, S.A." PLANNING TO TRANSFORM "SOVIET MILITARY POWER" INTO A PAPERBACK WHICH SHOULD HAVE BROAD APPEAL. WHILE THE TRANSLATION OF THE DOD STUDY WILL BE THE CORE OF THE BOOK, THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE. SOVIET ARSENAL WILL BE FLESHED OUT WITH THE ADDITION OF RECENT FINDINGS ON CHEMICAL WARFARE ("YELLOW RAIN"), SOVIET "ACTIVE MEASURES" (DISINFORMATION) AND MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET SPACE PROGRAM. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DOCUMENT WILL EXPLAIN WHY AND HOW THIS SITUATION CAME ABOUT. PUBLISHERS HOPE TO GET A WELL-KNOWN INTELLECTUAL FROM FRANCE OR LATIN AMERICA TO LEND NAME TO BOOK WITH A PROLOGUE. IN EFFECT, WHAT WILL BE OFFERED WILL BE A SOLID BOOK WITH CROSS-THE-BOARD APPEAL. SOMETHING THAT WILL BE INTERESTING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS RESEARCHERS, JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THE MILITARY. DOD PAMPHLET WILL IN EFFECT BE "DE-EUROPEANIZED" AND WILL SERVE AS DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF THE GLOBAL THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BOOK WILL RUN ABOUT 250 PAGES WITH ILLUSTRATIONS. IT SHOULD BE READY THE SECOND HALF OF DECEMBER AND PUBLISHERS ESTIMATE STREET PRICE AT ABOUT FOUR DOLLARS A COPY. WE WILL SUPPLY MORE INFORMATION, SUCH AS BULK COST TO USG, ASAP.  
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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Tel-Aviv, November 16, 1981

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I was very pleased to receive the new study entitled "Soviet Military Power" and to know that all possible efforts are made so that there be no weakness.

I shall naturally be glad to currently receive all information that may be of help to us.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Sharon*

Ariel Sharon  
Minister of Defence

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Mr. C. Weinberger  
Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon - Room 3E880  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Ariel Sharon, Minister of Defense, requested that  
I forward his letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Menachem Meron  
Major General  
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- SOVIET MILITARY POWER

NORWEGIAN TV WAS THE ONLY MEDIUM TO EDITORIALIZE ON THE PUBLICATION OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER. USING STATEMENTS BY SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PROFESSOR AT THE USA-CANADA INSTITUTE, GEORGI ARBATOV, INTERSPERSED WITH STATEMENTS BY WEINBERGER AND HOSTON, NRK TV WAS ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ENCODE THE AMERICAN ARGUMENTS. BY HIS INTRODUCTIONS OF THE VARIOUS EXCERPTS, TV'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR, EIVELL BJOSTEIN RESE GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF THE GOOD AND THE BAD; OF THE U.S. THAT IS STRONGLY RE-ARMING, AND OF THE USSR THAT STILL HAS HOPES THAT THERE CAN BE ARMS LIMITATION TALKS. THIS IMPRESSION WAS ENHANCED BY THE FACT THAT IN THE PROGRAM ARBATOV HAS GIVEN THE FINAL WORD BY STATING THAT THE AMERICANS MUST SOON COME TO REALIZE WHAT EUROPEANS ALREADY KNOW, THAT EUROPE MUST NOT BECOME THE BATTLEGROUND WHERE THE U.S. CAN WAGE WAR ON THE USSR.

THE PROGRAM STARTED WITH A FOUR MINUTE STRAIGHT SUMMARY OF POINTS IN THE U.S. REPORT, READ BY THE NEWS-CASTER. HE STARTED OFF: "IN THIS REPORT THE U.S. STATES WHY IT PUTS SUCH GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE MODERNIZATION OF THE U.S. DEFENSE. THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A WARNING TO THE NATO ALLIES NOT TO WEAKEN THEIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

THERE FOLLOWED AN EXCERPT OF HOSTON WHO STRESSED THAT THE WEST IS FINALLY COMING TO ACCEPT THE REALITY OF A SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP.

THE NEWSCASTER STATED THAT THE AMERICANS FLATLY DENY THAT THE TWF EUROPEAN PLACEMENT DECISION RESULTED FROM U.S. PRESSURE. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND HOSTON EXCERPT EMPHASIZING THAT THE DEPLOYMENT DECISION WAS A RESULT OF EUROPEAN REQUESTS.

TOWARD A BACKGROUND OF WEST GERMAN DEMONSTRATORS, RESE SAID THAT "THE ANTI-NUCLEAR WEAPONS MOVEMENT IN WESTERN EUROPE HAS BECOME POPULAR, AND ACCORDING TO THE U.S. IT THREATENS THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TWF DECISION. THE AMERICANS SEE THE MOVEMENTS PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA."

IN ANOTHER EXCERPT, HOSTON STRESSED THE DANGER OF GIVING IN TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA, WHICH IS AIMED AT PREVENTING REARMAMENT IN THE WEST AND OF WEAKENING THE NATO ALLIANCE.

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ON CAMERA AGAIN, NEWSCASTER RESE SAID "THE AMERICAN ARMS BUILDUP AND THE STRIVING TO STRENGTHEN NATO IS BEING BY MOSCOW AS A THREAT TO THE USSR. THE U.S. CHARGES THAT THE USSR IS STRONGLY INCREASING ITS ARMS BUILDUP. COMPARED TO THAT OF THE U.S., IS FLATLY DENIED BY PROFESSOR ARBATOV."

THERE FOLLOWS A LONG SEQUENCE WITH ARBATOV, WHO SAYS, IN PART, "THE ISSUE OF SOVIET MILITARY SUPERIORITY IS THE BIGGEST LIE OF THE CENTURY; A VICIOUS LIE. BECAUSE IT IS USED AS A PRETEXT FOR MILITARY PREPARATIONS AND POLITICAL REPRESSION AROUND THE WORLD. I AM SURE THAT IF HOSTON HAS HIS WAY, LIKE GENERAL HONEY AND MANY OTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES, IT IS VERY BAD, BECAUSE WE ARE IN FOR A VERY COLD WAR, MAYBE EVEN A HOT WAR."  
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STRATE THE WHITE BOOK. AFTER QUOTING WEINBERGER, STILLE NOTES:  
"THE BLAZE PICTURE DRAWN BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WAS BALANCED  
BY THE MORE POSITIVE IMPRESSION THAT WAS RECEIVED FROM HIS N  
MEETING WITH GROMYKO."

SAME PAPER FEATURES INSIDE-PAGE MAP, BASED ON BOOKLET SUPPLIED  
BY ICA ROME, A BRIEF EXPLANATION, AND REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS AND  
FROM MOSCOW.

ANTONIO QUARELLI FROM BRUSSELS: "THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE  
BOOK ON THE SOVIET THREAT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DAYS WITH A SIGNIFI-  
CANT CONFIRMATION: THE US-USSR RELATIONS, WHICH WILL BE CALLED  
START... WILL RESUME BETWEEN THE END OF FEBRUARY AND THE BEGINNING  
OF MARCH...."

VITTORIO ZACCONE FROM MOSCOW: "SOVIET PROPAGANDA HAD ALREADY  
TRIED TO FORESTALL THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE ANNOUNCED AMERICAN  
DISCLOSURE, AND TALKED OF LIES AND INVENTIONS. BREZHNEV EVEN  
ANNOUNCED... THE PUBLICATION OF A SOVIET WHITE BOOK. NOTHING HAS  
BEEN HEARD ABOUT THIS, WHILE THE LONDON IISB HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED  
ITS REPORT ON THE INCREASING SOVIET SUPERIORITY, AND NOW THERE IS  
THIS WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED BY THE PENTAGON, CERTAINLY A PARTISAN  
BOOK, BUT (WELL) COMMENTED...  
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A. NEWSPLAY:

THE PAMPHLET ON SOVIET MILITARY POWER IS DISCUSSED BY ALL  
MEDIA, OFTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVERAGE OF THE NAIS-GROMYKO  
MEETING, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONSERVATIVE IL STORNIALE AND SOME  
OTHER PAPERS, AND OF THE MAIN TV NEWSCAST, WHICH REPORTED FROM  
ROME, THE BOOKLET IS DISCUSSED BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS  
EITHER FROM BRUSSELS OR FROM THE U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SPEECH AT  
THE IMF MEETING OPENING AND POLAND ARE THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ITEMS OF INTEREST. ALL MEDIA REPORT THAT ITALIAN FIGHTER PLANES  
YESTERDAY INTERCEPTED A LEBYAN PLANE WHICH VIOLATED ITALIAN AIR  
SPACE. QUOTE LEBYAN NEWS AGENCY'S CHARGE THAT PURPOSE OF INTER-  
CEPTION WAS TO KILL KADDAFI -- ALLEGEDLY ON BOARD -- AND ADD THE  
ITALIAN SERIAL. SOME PAPERS ANNOUNCE THAT TALKS ARE FORTHCOMING  
ON GRAIN SALES BETWEEN US UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND  
SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, "WHICH INDICATED THAT THE  
SOVIET UNION IS IN A DRAMATIC SITUATION" (LEFT-OF-CENTER LA STAMPA).

B. COMMENTS

1. SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH  
PRESENTATION OF PAMPHLET IS COVERED BY US AND BRUSSELS CORRESPO-  
NDENTS. THE MAIN TV-1 NEWSCAST, CONSERVATIVE IL STORNIALE AND, IN  
PART, CENTRIST, INFLUENTIAL CORRIERE DELLA SERA, LEFTIST LA  
REPUBLICA AND PSI (ORGAN AVANTI) USE EXCERPTS FROM MATERIAL SUPPLIED  
BY ICA ROME.

CENTRIST, INFLUENTIAL CORRIERE DELLA SERA;  
AND STILLE REPORTS FROM NEW YORK DISCUSSING THE NAIS-GROMYKO  
MEETING: "THE AMERICANS STILL FEAR A SOVIET MANEUVER TO SLAY DOWN  
THE REARMAMENT OF THE US AND OF ITS ATLANTIC ALLIES. TO BLOCK THIS  
THREAT, SECRETARY WEINBERGER HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ILLU-

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AWAKE! HEADS INSIDE-PAGE SUMMARY: "THE SOVIET WAR MACHINE IS STRIKINGLY IMPRESSIVE."

LA REPUBLICA'S FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE: "IN A PAMPHLET FROM THE PENTAGON, ALL THE FEATURES OF THE SOVIET NAZI-ARMY. 'THIS IS NOW BREZHNEV THREATENS THE WEST.'" FRANCO PAPPITO FROM BRUSSELS: "THE US HAS BEGUN A BROAD PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE, WHICH ON ONE SIDE AIMS AT EXPOSING SOVIET MILITARY POTENTIAL, BUT ON THE OTHER AIMS AT REASSURING WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC OPINION ON US DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE LIMITATIONS OF ALL NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS.... THE CHAIN OFFENSIVE BEGAN AT 9:30 WITH BOSTON... AND CONTINUED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE BOOK AND SIMPLE TECHNICAL EXPLANATIONS.... (IT MARKS) AN ANONYMOUS EFFORT TO RESUME CONTACT WITH EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DESELTED. OVER US MARCHES, EXHIBITED A BIT TOO MUCH, HAS DROPPED THE VEIL OF THE INTENT TO NEGOTIATE. THE EUROPEANS HAVE FOR SOME TIME PRESSED HERE AT BAY FOR A REVERSAL OF ROUTE, AND WILL NOT STOP HERE." THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF THE PAMPHLET.

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ARIELLO COPPOLA FROM NEW YORK: "THE GREATEST ADVOCATE OF AMERICAN RE-ARMAMENT, DEFENSE SECRETARY WEINBERGER, PRESENTED YESTERDAY A 90-PAGE MEMORANDUM TO SUPPORT THE PROJECTS THAT ARE DEAR TO THE HEAD OF THE PENTAGON AND OF THE INDUSTRY WHICH LIVES OFF THESE ENORMOUS CONTRACTS. IT IS A WHITE BOOK ON SOVIET MILITARY POWER, FULL OF FIGURES, CHARTS AND COLOR DRAWINGS. THERE ARE NOT GREAT SUBTILITIES AFTER WHAT WEINBERGER ALREADY TOLD CONGRESS DESCRIBING THE SOVIET THREAT AND URGING AMERICANS TO BEAR... THE PENTAGON BOOKLET, HOWEVER, REFRAINS FROM ANY COMPARISONS, WITH THE CORRESPONDING AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AND AIMS AT JUSTIFYING THE THESIS OUTLINED BY WEINBERGER IN THE TWO-PAGE INTRODUCTION, WHICH SAYS THAT SOVIET MILITARY POWER IS NOW MUCH GREATER THAN IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO."

PUB-PCI PAGE 86A:  
JOHN CAPPELLI REPORTS FROM NEW YORK ("DISAPPOINTING DOSSIER FROM WEINBERGER"): "THE PAMPHLET CONTAINS INACCURATE AND OLD INFORMATION

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ON WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT THE SOVIET WEAPONRY AND ARMED FORCES.... THE INITIATIVE MAY HAVE A DOUBLE AIM: TO PREPARE US PUBLIC OPINION TO BEAR THE GREAT FINANCIAL EXPENSES NECESSARY FOR THE REARMAMENT EFFORTS, AND TO PREPARE (EVERYBODY) FOR TIGHT AND BOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER SUPERPOWER, WITH POSSIBLE PARALLEL APPEALS TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. THE FIRST REMARK MADE BY SOME EXPERTS IS THAT THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT MAKE COMPARISONS WITH THE WESTERN FORCES...."

YB-1 TV NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT FEATURED A THREE-MINUTE PRESENTATION OF THE BOOKLET USING SLIDES SUPPLIED BY ISA ROME. SOCIALIST-LEARNING YB-2 TV NEWSCAST FEATURED A PRESENTATION BY ITS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

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1. ONE INDICATION OF INITIAL SUCCESS OF US UNCLASSIFIED PAPER ON SOVIET MILITARY POWER IS EXTREMELY HIGH DEMAND AT THIS POST FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES.
2. WE BELIEVE US POLICY INTERESTS ARE WELL SERVED BY MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKLET, TO FACILITATE INFORMED AND POSITIVE DISCUSSION OF CONTENTS.
3. INITIAL DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THAT OF COPIES BROUGHT BY MR. DENIS CLIFT, WAS BARELY SUFFICIENT TO MEET DEMAND OF JOURNALISTS AND NATO HQ PERSONNEL GATHERED AT BRUSSELS PRESS EVENT (SATELLITE RECEPTION OF SECDEF WEINBERGER PRESS CONFERENCE). ADDITIONAL COPIES REQUIRED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STAFF AND NATIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE INFORMATION TO ADVANCE NATO DEFENSE PROPOSALS.
4. REQUEST 200 ADDITIONAL COPIES BE FORWARDED TO DEFENSE ADVISOR, US MISSION TO NATO, AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz  
Minister of Defense and Aviation  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dear Prince Sultan:

I have asked that copies of a major new study entitled "Soviet Military Power" be passed to you. This study was prepared by us in response to many requests by NATO Defense Ministers who heard our once classified briefing, and wanted a declassified report they could present to wider audiences in their own countries.

The study provides a comprehensive analysis of the Soviet military threat at the conventional, European theater, and strategic level. Much of the information it contains is newly declassified, and I hope it will be of particular interest to your public.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and I would be glad to furnish any information, additional to that in our new study, that you may wish.

We believe that if the real nature of the Soviet threat is known, we can better prepare to defend the long-term security of all our nations.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: WESTERN POLITICAL OFFENSIVE: SECDEF BOOKLET  
"SOVIET MILITARY POWER"

1. ~~FOR ENTIRE COPY~~
2. YOUR PUBLICATION ON SOVIET MILITARY POWER IS A SMASH HIT HERE IN EUROPE. ITS INITIAL IMPACT MAKES ALL THE WORK OF PUTTING IT TOGETHER WORTHWHILE. IT HAS BEEN WORTH WAITING FOR.
3. EVERY COMMENT I HAVE HEARD IS FAVORABLE, FROM LUNS AND THE OFFICIAL CIRCLE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AND FROM OPINION LEADERS, WRITERS AND LECTURERS FROM ALL 16 NATO COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING OF ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION IN LONDON FROM WHICH I HAVE JUST RETURNED. SOME WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE MORE EMPHASIS ON COMPARATIVE STRENGTH FIGURES WITH NATO FORCES, BUT THAT AFTER ALL WAS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION. IN FACT, A COMPARISON STUDY IS NOW UNDERWAY AT NATO, TO BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS AT DECEMBER MEETINGS; WE SHOULD BEGIN NOW TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR MAXIMUM PUBLIC USE OF THIS MATERIAL IN OUR ONGOING PROGRAM OF PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT. THE PUBLICATION JUST ISSUED OFFERS CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF THE RELENTLESS AND DANGEROUS GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER.
4. WE HAVE ONE MAJOR PROBLEM -- NOT ENOUGH COPIES. I WAS BESIEGED IN LONDON BY GERMANS, DANES, NORWEGIANS AND OTHERS FOR COPIES. WRITERS AND LECTURERS WHO COMMAND WIDE AUDIENCES WANT THE MATERIAL NOW WHILE IT IS NOT SO AS TO GET THE WORD OUT WITHOUT DELAY. EMBASSY LONDON WAS FULLY COOPERATIVE BUT WAS ABLE TO SUPPLY ME ONLY TWO REPEAT TWO COPIES -- THEIR LAST TWO COPIES. THIS WE LOST THE OPPORTUNITY OF THIS MAJOR ALLIED MEETING OF NATO SUPPORTERS IN KEY SPOTS TO INFLUENCE OPINION IN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.
5. PLEASE HELP US OUT AND GET MORE COPIES TO THE PERTINENT EMBASSIES.
6. ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AND RECOMMENDATION. THIS PUBLICATION IS OF SUFFICIENT MERIT AND IMPACT AS TO HAVE REAL EFFECT ON EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION. IT OUGHT TO BE TRANSLATED WITHOUT DELAY INTO GERMAN AND FRENCH, AND POSSIBLY ITALIAN, FOR WIDE REPEAT WIDE DISTRIBUTION. IN MY OPINION THAT WOULD BRING US MORE DIVIDENDS IN THE CRITICAL BATTLE FOR THE EUROPEAN MIND THAN MANY OTHER PROGRAMS ON WHICH WE ARE SPENDING A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY.
7. I BESPEAK YOUR URGENT CONSIDERATION. BENNETT

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