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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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SUBJECT: Paul Nitze Study Group on Soviet Planning for Nuclear War *(e)* --  
ACTION MEMORANDUM

*(e)* Attached (Tab A) is a letter which responds positively to the Director of Central Intelligence's request that Defense participate in an assessment, chaired by Paul Nitze, of Soviet planning for nuclear war. Andy Marshall and I agree that the CIA proposal is a worthwhile endeavor and that separating the effort from the normal NIE process is a positive step which could lead to new methodologies and better intelligence assessments for use by the policy and planning communities. JCS and DIA share the view that we should fully participate in the development of the study. You may wish to provide the signed letter at your meeting with the DCI on 18 May.

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