

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: Defense Department View on Soviet Electronic Signals

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Secretary Rumsfeld wanted you to know the Department of Defense comments on the problem of the Soviet signal against the US Embassy in Moscow (Tab A).

Defense feels that we must bear in mind the possibility that some of the signals are [redacted] for the activation or interrogation of audio devices implanted in the Embassy. Therefore, any discussion with the Russians about this problem might result in unnecessary limitations or restrictions on ourselves.

On the various possible courses of action contained in my memorandum to you the Defense position is [redacted] (b) if we do not reciprocate but demand total cessation of the Soviet signals, we could cite the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Practice and we could threaten such measures as slowing down the construction of their Embassy or holding up grain shipments; (c) if we choose a reciprocal reduction, Defense notes that it should cover all Soviet installations; (d) Defense is apparently opposed, however, to countering by jamming.

The Defense position is that we should take the position that the radiation is hazardous [redacted]

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