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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

At 1000 hours, 16 December 1954, Mr. Howard A. Bond and Captain I. T. McDonald, USAF, both of the National Security Agency, attended a briefing, as invited observers, in the G-2 War Room (Pentagon - 20468) on the subject of Soviet electronics.

Mr. Douglas B. Cruikshank (G-2) was the moderator of the program. The speakers were:

Mr. Karl Gerhard (Signal Corps Intelligence Agency) - on the state of electronics developments, uses, and training in the USSR;

It. Colonel H. Johnston, USAF (Air Technical Intelligence Center) - on the known data on Soviet Electonic equipment, esp. radar:

It. Colonel John Libbert, USAF (Directorate of Intelligence) - on the ELINT intercept coverage, fixed and mobile; locations of stations; areas of airbourne intercept; number and types of aircraft involved;

Mr. F. Schaller (Army-Navy Electronic Evaluation Group) - on frequency spectrum usage by the Soviets.

Those present at the briefing numbered about twenty-eight and included the following:

- Mr. Donald A. Quarles, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development.
- Mr. C. S. Weaver, Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for R/D.
- Mr. M. D. Post, Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary of of Defense for R/D.

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Dr. Suits, Chairman of the Technical Advisory Panel of the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for R/D, and some members of Dr. Suits' Panel.

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Some serious concern was shown, particularly by Dr. Suits, over the increasing annual output of graduate engineers in Russia, and the decreasing output in this country.

The current "political" implications of the whole ELINT effort were obviously avoided by all present.

The briefing ended at 1200 hours.

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