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DRAFT JIC PAPER: CONCERN ABOUT A SURPRISE NATO ATTACK

References:

- A. JIC(84)(N)45 (3rd Revised Draft) 20 Mar 84
- B. D/DIS(CS)12/1/2 20 Mar 84

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the latest draft JIC paper on Soviet fears. My first and general comment concerns the tenor of the paper which, I believe, still purports to show a level of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would find the thrust of the paper more persuasive [REDACTED]. I therefore find the conclusion that there is genuine [REDACTED]

2. On points of detail I would make the following points:

a. Paragraph 1 line 1. After 'definitive' delete 'tends to' insert 'could'.

b. Paragraph 3 line 4. [REDACTED]

c. Paragraph 5 lines 3 to 6. The two sentences indicated are in part incorrect. Able Archer 1983 reflected changes in the detail rather than the substance of procedures and included less rather than more headquarters-to-subordinate commands messages.

d. Paragraph 6. The reference to Soviet reactions to Able Archer are [REDACTED]

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