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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
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Chief of Staff

FROM: Charles Z. Wick *X* *mw*
Director

SUBJECT: "Soviet Propaganda Alert II"

Enclosed is the second issue of "Soviet Propaganda Alert" produced by our Office of Research under the rubric of PROJECT TRUTH'S Executive Committee. This publication is part of ICA's PROJECT TRUTH information program to counter Soviet disinformation practices and spread the truth about U.S. policy and objectives. The "Alert" is sent to USICA posts around the world to provide background information for our staff.

PROJECT TRUTH

== Soviet Propaganda Alert ==

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Re: Project Truth

Summary

Overall themes and techniques of Soviet propaganda remain virtually unchanged from those reported in the first number of this series. However, specific incidents have triggered major Soviet efforts to take advantage of transitory themes which fit into ongoing propaganda patterns.

The theme of war and peace has been the main focus of Soviet media. In addition, many American officials and government agencies have come under frequent attack in recent Soviet propaganda.

Recent Soviet efforts are designed:

- o to picture President Reagan's disarmament proposals as a propaganda ploy.
- o to convince Europeans that the U.S. would, in the event of war, abandon them to the Soviet Union if by doing so the United States itself could avoid nuclear attack.
- o to turn public opinion in Europe and elsewhere against the NATO plan to modernize its theater nuclear forces (TNF) and thus to achieve Soviet aims at minimum cost.
- o to undermine the credibility of the Reagan Administration's foreign policy, and especially its recent offensive against Soviet active measures.
- o to divert attention from Soviet wrongdoing in Afghanistan and Poland.

End Summary

