MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
The Vice President
Secretary of State
Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of Commerce
United States Trade Representative
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: SNIE 3/11-2-82: The Soviet Gas Pipeline in Perspective

1. This Special National Intelligence Estimate undertakes to evaluate the impact on Western security of the Yamal pipeline and other elements of East-West economic relations—the operation of COCOM, export of oil equipment and technology, potential expansion of Soviet gas sales to Europe in the 1990s and subsidized Western credit.

2. I believe that these assessments provide a strong factual and analytical foundation for formulating our policy on economic relations with the USSR and for beginning to build some sort of consensus with our Allies on how to place these relations in a strategic context.

3. I have in mind sharing these assessments and the factual basis underlying them with the relevant intelligence units. On other occasions, this process has contributed to developing a common factual basis for efforts to develop concerted policies. If any of you see any problem in this, let me know.

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