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MEMORANDUM

TO: DCI/NPC - [redacted] B1
FROM: INR/SPA - [redacted] B6
SUBJECT: INR Footnote to NPC Paper on South Africa

We would like to respond, for the record, to deletion of text from the INR footnote submitted for the NPC paper on South Africa (see attached memorandum, dated 28 August, 1992, containing original text). We believe expunging some of the original language was inappropriate and altered our argument.

There were substantial implications in two of the deletions, in particular.

(1) "...the collective body of evidence available is ambiguous and open to differing interpretations, both derogatory and non-derogatory."

We believe the footnote should have spelled out this argument in full. To cite an important example why: [redacted]

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[redacted] in fact is open to a variety of interpretations -- all carrying legal implications -- that include relatively non-incriminating ones;

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¹ In response to a claim that these terms carry policy judgment, we offered to substitute policy-neutral language; "incriminating and non-incriminating" could have been used, for example.

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(2) "While the amount of [redacted] raises doubts and serious questions, it also falls within the range of plausible HEU production levels."

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Attachment:
As stated.

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