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SUBJECT : NIE 23-66: WEST GERMAN CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS

REF :

The member agencies of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), at the request of the Secretary of Defense, are preparing contributions to a National Intelligence Estimate on West German Capabilities and Intentions to Produce Nuclear Weapons and Delivery Systems. This NIE is designed to be a more comprehensive analysis of the West German nuclear program than was provided by NIE 4-66; "The Likelihood of Further Nuclear Proliferation", January 20, 1966.

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The Department would appreciate the Embassy's assistance in the preparation of this estimate in any area of the study where the Embassy judges it can provide appropriate data or comment. For this purpose, five copies of the approved terms of reference are enclosed. The Embassy will note that initial contributions are due March 25, and it is hoped that the Embassy's comments will be received in the Department prior to March 21.

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