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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: WILLIAM E. ODOM *WEO*

SUBJECT: Daily Report Item

You asked for a short note on the Threat Assessment today. It follows: The National Military Command Center convened a Missile Threat Assessment Conference Call at 4:42 p.m. today. It ended at 4:49 p.m. with NORAD finding a computer mistake in the PARCS system. The details of the system error are still being gathered, but the PARCS location as one of the last systems in the warning sequence made the likelihood of an attack very low from the beginning. Our White House system of alerting worked very effectively bringing in the WHCA switch in at 4:42 p.m. This is the third such Threat Assessment Call this year.

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