

Perestroika: A Story of American Intelligence and Political Chaos

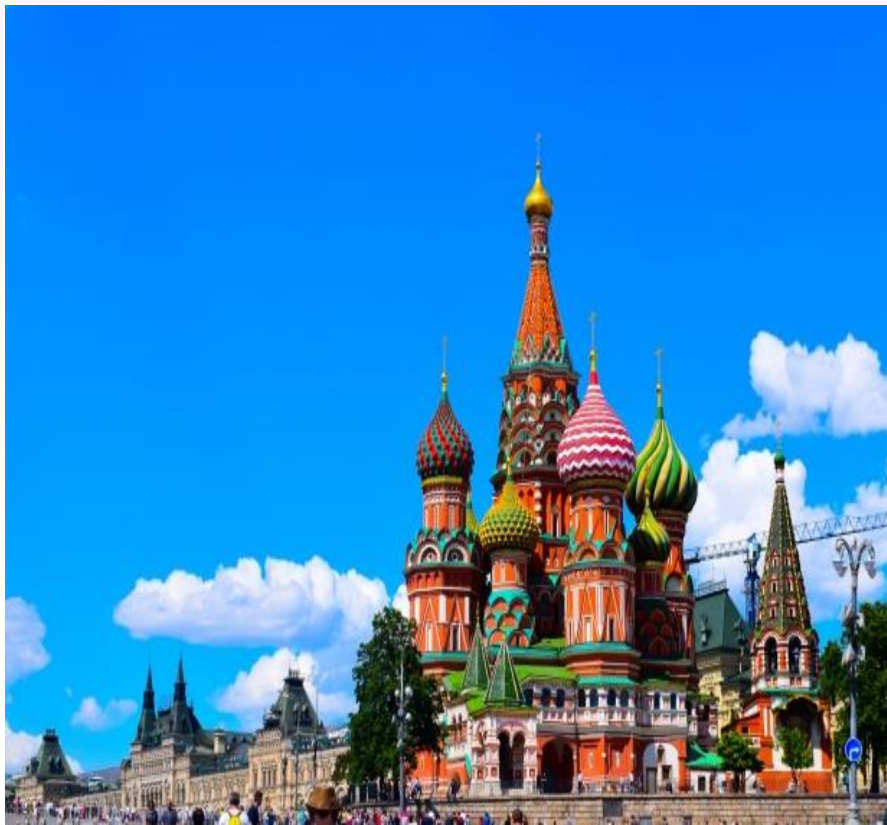
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Historical Significance of Perestroika



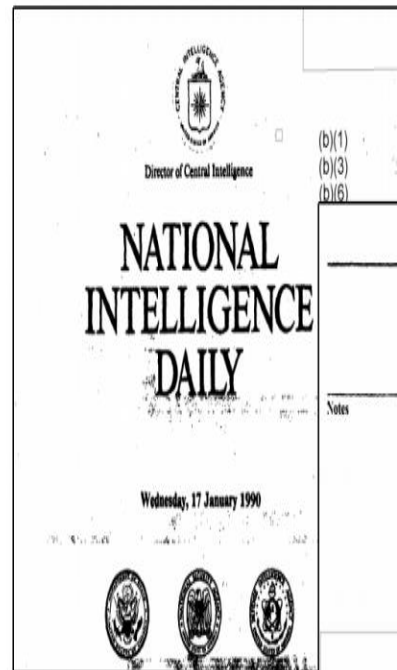
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Robert Gates's Memorandum:
*Gorbachev's Gameplan: The Long
View 1987*



April 1989 report, "Rising political instability under Gorbachev: understanding the problem and prospects for resolution: an intelligence assessment"



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Special Analysis

ALBANIA: *Intimations of Another Romania*

Albanian President Alia, the last of Europe's Stalinist dictators, is increasingly showing concern that his regime will fall to the political upheaval sweeping Eastern Europe.

The Romanian uprising appears to have attentive observers who labor under Albania's oppressive regime. News of the violent overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu reached Albania through factual reporting in the official press and foreign broadsheets and may have helped spread discontent among Albanian youth. Recent [Redacted] growing threat of juvenile delinquency—two-thirds of the population is under 30—suggests unrest, and small demonstrations reportedly took place in several Albanian cities late last month, most notably in Shkoder near the Yugoslav border. There had been earlier reports of student demonstrations in Tirane, the capital. [Redacted]

The regime has made modest gestures to appease popular grievances. Alia has eased restrictions on private ownership of livestock, an important concession for Albania's predominantly rural population, and may make other short-term economic moves to address basic consumer needs. Hardline party leaders undoubtedly would have blocked similar moves in the past but probably were unnerved enough by events in Romania to give Alia more latitude on economic and agricultural reforms. There is little chance they will agree to substantive political reform from above, as in Bulgaria. [Redacted]

Warning signs of a Coup: National Intelligence Daily July 1990



1991: August Coup



Findings and Conclusions