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Director of National Intelligence Releases Four Decades of U.S. Intelligence on Yugoslavia

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The Director of National Intelligence's National Intelligence Council (NIC) and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars recently organized an international conference to mark the release of the NIC's declassified national estimative material titled, *From "National Communism" to National Collapse: U.S. Intelligence Community Estimative Products on Yugoslavia, 1948-1990*. Held on Dec. 7, 2006 in Washington, D.C., the conference reviewed the role and legacy of U.S. intelligence on Yugoslavia during the Cold War.

The material contains 34 recently declassified National Intelligence Estimates or NIEs representing the Intelligence Community's most authoritative analysis of Yugoslavia. Over a period of nearly four decades, these reports gave U.S. policymakers keen insights into the factors shaping events in and around Yugoslavia – Belgrade's break with the Soviet Union, through the Tito years, and right up to the eve of the nation's collapse – an event foretold by the documents.

Former Secretary of State and former U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia in the 1970s, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, gave the keynote luncheon address. NIC Chairman, Dr. Thomas Fingar, and the Wilson Center's president, Lee Hamilton served as co-hosts of the luncheon.

The release of these papers reflects a continuing commitment by the Director of National Intelligence to provide the public, when possible, documents of value to historians and intelligence practitioners. The conference offered leading historians, intelligence analysts, and policymakers an opportunity to review intelligence judgments on Yugoslavia and evaluate the quality of analytical tradecraft.

In addition to its scholarly value, the conference contributed to the efforts of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to implement intelligence reform legislation and WMD Commission recommendations to engage leading scholars, and continually examine Intelligence Community products to improve the quality of analysis.

This is the second time the NIC collaborated with the Wilson Center to host a conference centered on recently declassified NIEs and other intelligence memoranda. A similar conference was organized in October 2004 to launch a collection of newly declassified intelligence documents on China.

The National Intelligence Council is a center of strategic thinking within the U.S. Government and provides coordinated analyses for senior policymakers on high interest topics. Although most of its work is for internal government use, the NIC also produces unclassified reports and collaborates with a wide range of independent scholars, experts, and organizations around the world.

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Note: The Yugoslavia, Vietnam, and China collections are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office and on the NIC website: www.dni.gov/nic.