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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : U.S. Government Support of Covert Action Directed at the Soviet Union

1. Operational Summary

This paper seeks approval for the CIA covert action programs, as a whole, directed at the Soviet intelligentsia. The individual projects support media and contact activities aimed at stimulating and sustaining pressures for liberalization and evolutionary change from within the Soviet Union. They are: the Narodno Trudovoy-Soyuz (NTS), a Russian emigre organization which engages in the procurement, publication and distribution of Soviet dissident literature and commentary; and Zakordonne Predstavnytstvo Ukrainskoyi Holovnoyi Vyzvolnoyi Rady (ZP/UHVR), which fosters nationalistic and cultural dissent in the Soviet Ukraine; [] , a Russian-language newspaper [] which stimulates and supports dissidence among Soviet intellectuals; and a Russian-language book and pamphlet program which publishes and distributes to the Soviet intelligentsia proscribed Russian literature and commentary by Soviet writers.

2. Previous 303 Committee Approvals

Each project has been approved by the 303 Committee: most recently, the NTS on 3 September 1968, the Ukrainian project on 27 December 1968, [] on 16 February 1968, and the book program on 22 August 1967, when it was contemplated that the project would be moved to Europe.

3. Security, Cover and Personnel

All of the projects have been subjected, at one time or another, to attacks by Soviet regime media, including allegations of CIA sponsorship. Each project has weathered the attacks without any apparent loss of effectiveness. It would be prudent to anticipate that sporadic attacks will continue but without any additional adverse effect on the operations.

4. Co-ordination

This paper, in draft, was discussed with and endorsed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Swank and Soviet Union Country Director Dubs on 21 October and 6 November 1969. Previous papers on the individual projects were similarly co-ordinated prior to their submission to the 303 Committee. Ambassador Beam was informed of the book program when he was briefed on SB Division operations before he assumed his post in Moscow early this year.

5. Cost

A total of [] has been allocated and is available in the FY 1970 CIA budget for these projects: [] for the NTS; [] for the Ukrainian project; [] for [] ; and [] for the book program.

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CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Plans

Date

Release of the attached proposal
to the members of the 303
Committee is authorized:

Executive Director-Comptroller

Date

Director of Central Intelligence

Date