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5 MAY 1956

Brig. General Harold E. Watson, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

Many thanks for your letter of 24 April 1956, enclosing the excellent RAND staff report on "Studies of the Soviet Economy".

RAND is indeed a pioneer in exploring new paths to Soviet research. Our economic research analysts have developed close working and professional relationships with RAND and have found them to be most helpful in pointing out data potentialities and methodological approaches to economic research on the Soviets.

I very much appreciate your bringing the report to my attention.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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24 April 1956

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I inclose for your attention a copy of a RAND Staff Report entitled "Studies of the Soviet Economy." In my judgment this brief report is one of the most extraordinary intelligence documents that has been produced within the U.S. It sums up in a very few words the true nature, shape and direction of the Soviet economy.

Of particular interest to you, I am certain will be RAND's description of the elaborate and painstaking methods which they have employed during the past years in order to arrive at their present knowledge of the Soviet economy.

General Samford considered this document of sufficient importance to bring it to the personal attention of Col Randall (Mr. Wilson's Aide), Mr. Quarles, Gen. Twining, Adm. Layton, and Gen. Cabell.

Sincerely,


HAROLD E. WATSON
Brig. General, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

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