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Dear Walter:

At the Council Meeting at which I spoke the other evening, someone in the audience asserted two-thirds of the members of the Presidium had engineering training and asked whether this would not in some way influence and explain their emphasis on science and their great strides in this field. While I questioned the two-third's figure, I could not do so with ~~any~~ any authority as I did not have the facts. Meanwhile, I have had a study made.

I enclose a memorandum which indicates of the 14 full candidates of the Presidium, five full and two candidate members are graduate engineers, and that one full and one candidate member did not receive degrees. Thus, the figure comes nearer to one-third than two-thirds.

If you happen to recall who addressed the question to me, you might pass on this information to him and see whether he has anything to refute or supplement it.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Director

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Enclosure

1. The following full members of the CPSU Presidium are graduate engineers. Dates of study are shown in parentheses.

ARISTOV, Averkly Borisovich -- industrial engineer, Kalinin Polytechnic Institute, Leningrad (1929-33).

BREZHNEV, Leonid Il'ich -- metallurgical engineer, Dneprodzerzhinsk Metallurgical Institute, (1931-35).

FURSEVA, Yekaterina Aleksyevna -- chemical engineer, Lomonosov Institute of Fine Chemical Technology, Moscow (1937-42).

KIRICHENKO, Aleksey Illarionovich -- agricultural engineer (1932-36) from an unidentified mechanization institute in the Ukraine.

KOZLOV, Frol Romanovich -- metallurgical engineer, Kalinin Polytechnic Institute, Leningrad (1932-36).

2. Although he apparently never received a degree, KIROUSHCHEV studied at the Stalin Industrial Academy for Heavy Industry in Moscow during 1929-31.

3. Three candidate members of the Presidium have studied engineering.

KIRILENKO, Andrey Pavlovich -- graduated in 1936 from the Rybinsky Aviation Engineering Institute after five years of study.

PERVUKHIN, Mikhail Georgiyevich -- received a degree in electrical engineering from the Plekhanov Institute of National Economy in Moscow in 1929 after approximately six years of study.

MAZIROV, Kiril Trofimovich -- Studied highway engineering at the Gornel Motor Highway Technical School during 1933-34, but evidently did not receive a degree.

4. There are fourteen full and ten candidate members of the Presidium. Five full and two candidate members are graduate engineers. One full and one candidate member also studied engineering but did not receive degrees.

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