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Dear Senator Tydings:

In accordance with the questions raised at the hearing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on 21 March 1949, the following are the figures on personnel in the nuclear energy program of the USSR.

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A total of about  persons are directly involved in research, mining, and production in the Soviet atomic bomb project. These include all operations both in the USSR and in the Satellites. These numbers further breakdown, as follows:

25X2

USSR

High-grade scientists.

25X2

Technicians, engineers, etc.

25X2

Common labor, including forced labor.

25X2

Total - USSR

Satellites

Forced labor  
Free labor

Total - Satellites

Total - USSR and Satellites

Sincerely yours,

*signed & dispatched*  
*Hand*  
R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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