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UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

OCT 24 1978

The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Central Intelligence Agency

OIC #78-3271

Attention: Office of Legislative Counsel

Dear Admiral Turner:

Senator H. John Heinz III has asked us to solicit from selected agencies/offices information about how Federal research dollars are spent to study the Soviet Union. After consulting with the Senator's staff, we agreed to ask you and several others to respond to the matters outlined below. Senator Heinz is eager to receive this information; therefore, we are asking for your response within 30 days from the date of this letter. We would appreciate it if you would indicate the person we could contact if further information or clarification is desired.

The areas of inquiry are:

1. FUNDING

   a. List the amounts your agency has spent for Soviet research performed inhouse for fiscal years 1977 and 1978. (If estimated, please note)

   b. List the amounts your agency has spent for Soviet research performed outside; that is, research you have contracted out to other Federal agencies, universities, study centers, etc., for fiscal years 1977 and 1978. Please provide the amounts for each category. (If estimated, please note)

2. CURRENT CAPACITY TO WORK IN SOVIET LANGUAGES

   a. Outline your current capacity to interpret and analyze work done in the Soviet

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languages, indicating whether you have enough capacity, need more, etc. List the outside sources you use.

b. If possible, tell us the number of individuals in your agency that, as of June 30, 1978, could adequately work in each of the Soviet languages, particularly those of the minority languages. Of these individuals, indicate the number that were fully engaged in work requiring their Soviet language specialty.

c. Discuss the availability of Soviet experts employed by your agency to conduct mid-term (up to 2 years) research, and long term (2 years or more) research, and those that do.

3. FUTURE CAPACITY TO WORK IN SOVIET LANGUAGES

Give an assessment of whether your agency will be experiencing a shortage of Soviet specialists in the 1980s. If so, please elaborate.

4. COORDINATION (Use examples, if possible)

a. Describe how your agency coordinates with other executive agencies involved in the study of the Soviet Union, including your agency's role, if any, in the interagency coordination effort. Also, discuss the extent of coordination among individuals involved in various types of research; that is, research in the social, physical, and military sciences.

b. Outline the extent, if any, of your agency's knowledge or use of research which is ongoing or completed by sources financed by other than Federal Government funds.

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c. List documents you publish, contribute to, or otherwise use for coordinating purposes.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William B. Ludwick, Assistant Director, on 632-1588.

Sincerely yours,

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