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BRIEF FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Briefing Note on IAC-D-53/9 for IAC Meeting,  
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1. This memorandum provides, for your information, a brief statement on the Fifth Annual Progress Report of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee which is placed before the IAC for noting. It is expected that the EDIC Chairman,  will be present at the IAC Meeting.

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2. This Committee (EDIC) is responsible for intelligence support to the Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC) and for coordination of intelligence for the economic defense program. EDIC's formal activities were somewhat reduced during 1956/57 because of the extended review of US policy on multilateral trade controls against Communist China and the European Soviet Bloc. Nevertheless, very substantial intelligence support was rendered by IAC agencies represented on EDIC through direct contributions to EDAC, its subcommittees, and its working groups. The EDIC Chairman, as CIA member of the EDAC Executive Committee,

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participated in CHINCOM discussions in Paris in May 1957.

3. EDIC will participate in ODM's emergency planning for economic warfare. EDIC will continue to arrange for intelligence research in support of multilateral trade control review this winter and will focus on items of importance to the Bloc because of new scientific and technological developments.



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