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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
SUBJECT : Soviet Bloc Trade in Machinery with Latin America  
REFERENCE : K-3048

1. Your assistance is requested in providing unclassified information in response to the following questions regarding trade in machinery between the Soviet Bloc and Latin American countries:

a. What Latin American countries are importing machinery from the Soviet bloc? (Limit to names of countries that have imported machinery of any kind in the last five years.)

b. What countries of the Soviet bloc are exporting machinery to Latin America? (Again, all that is desired here is a list of the countries that exported to Latin America during the last five years.)

c. What machinery is involved? (Indicate the principal categories only: agricultural, textile, construction, etc. If possible, indicate whether the prices and quality of items in the several general categories are lower, higher, or approximately equal to prices and quality of similar items from non-Soviet bloc sources.)

d. Have trade missions visited Latin America to publicize and sell the machinery? (Simply list the trade missions that have visited Latin America from approximately 1950 to date, the names of mission personnel if available, and the country or countries in Latin America visited by each mission.)

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2. We are also asking OCR to check the Department of Commerce for available information pertaining to the above.

3. Any questions pertaining to this request should be referred to

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Table 1  
Latin America Imports of Machinery from Soviet Bloc  
Years 1971-74

(Value in thousands of U.S. dollars unless otherwise specified)

Country	Type of Machinery	1971		1972		1973		1974	
		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Argentina	Machines and motors and parts								
	Agriculture machinery and implements								
	Tractors			Czech, N.Years	88	Czech	390	Czech	203
	Metal working machinery			Hungary, N.Years	4			Hungary	1,466
	Mining, construction and industrial machinery			Czech, N.Years	518	Czech	2,945	Czech	7
	Electrical machinery, exp. and appl.			Czech, N.Years	9			Czech	6,455
				Czech, N.Years	811	Czech	562	Czech	18
				Hungary, N.Years	72	Hungary	28	Hungary	17
				Poland, N.Years	4	Poland	X		
				Czech, N.Years	231	Czech	79	Czech	
				Hungary, N.Years	250	Hungary	644	Hungary	1,042

Table 2 (continued)

Latin America Imports of Machinery from Soviet Bloc  
Years 1971-54

(Value in thousands of U.S. dollars unless otherwise specified)

Country	Type of Machinery	1971		1972		1973		1974	
		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Brazil	Power generating machinery	Czechoslovakia	342	Czechoslovakia	186	Czechoslovakia	360	Czechoslovakia Hungary	518 12
	Agriculture machines and implements	Czechoslovakia Poland	73 37	Czechoslovakia Poland	20 4	Czechoslovakia Poland	256 36	Czechoslovakia Poland	193 -
	Tractors	Czechoslovakia	39	Czechoslovakia	10	Czechoslovakia	1,182	Czechoslovakia	1,153
	Office machines	Czechoslovakia	39	Czechoslovakia	65	Czechoslovakia	-	Czechoslovakia	190
	Metal working machines	Czechoslovakia Poland	173 11	Czechoslovakia Poland	243 -	Czechoslovakia	365	Czechoslovakia Poland Hungary	1,094 23 167
	Printing construction and industrial machinery	Czechoslovakia	1,334	Czechoslovakia Poland	671 9	Czechoslovakia	312	Czechoslovakia Poland Hungary	1,142 114 12
	Electrical machinery, app. and appl.	Czechoslovakia	172	Czechoslovakia	311	Czechoslovakia	223	Czechoslovakia Hungary	537 82

Table I (continued)  
Latin America Imports of Machinery from Soviet Bloc  
Years 1951-54

(Value in thousands of U.S. dollars unless otherwise specified)

Country	Type of Machinery	1951		1952		1953		1954	
		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Cuba	Office Machinery								
	Electric, app. and eqpl.	China	2						
Columbia	Electric machines, app. and eqpl.	Hungary	8	Czechoslovakia	2			Czechoslovakia, Jan-June	7
	Agriculture machinery			Czechoslovakia	1			Czechoslovakia, Jan-June	1
	Industrial Machinery	Czechoslovakia	36	Czechoslovakia	247	Czechoslovakia, Jan-June	93	Czechoslovakia, Jan-June	102
Cuba	Mining, const. & ind. machinery	Czechoslovakia	21						
	Electrical machinery	Poland	6						
Guatemala	Motors, parts and accessories	Czechoslovakia	13						
	Office machinery	Czechoslovakia	3						
	Industrial machinery	Czechoslovakia	31						

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Country	Type of Machinery	1951		1952		1953		1954	
		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Honduras	Engines and motors	Czechoslovakia	1						
	Mining, const. and ind. machinery								
	Office machinery								
Mexico	Power generating machinery			Czechoslovakia	98				
	Agriculture machinery	Czechoslovakia	73						
	Office machinery	Czechoslovakia	7	Czechoslovakia	4	Czechoslovakia	3	Czechoslovakia	4
	Tractors and parts	Czechoslovakia China	456 11						
Mining, const. and ind. machinery		Czechoslovakia	335	USSR Czechoslovakia	2 193	Hungary Czechoslovakia	11 105	Hungary Czechoslovakia	17 315
	Electrical machinery, eqpt. and appl.	Czechoslovakia China	2 83	Czechoslovakia China	5 16	Czechoslovakia China	14 24	Czechoslovakia China	28 26

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Country	Type of machinery	1951		1952		1953		1954	
		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Hungary	Power generating machinery	Czechoslovakia	8					Czechoslovakia	10
		Hungary	4				Hungary	2	
	Agriculture machinery	Czechoslovakia	32					Czechoslovakia	4
		Poland	4					Poland	-
	Machinery and parts (not spec.)			Czechoslovakia	183	Czechoslovakia	225		
				Hungary	11	Hungary	47		
	Tractors	Czechoslovakia	13						
	Office machinery	Czechoslovakia	24					Czechoslovakia	7
								Hungary	15
	Mining, const. and ind. machinery	Czechoslovakia	265						
		Hungary	27						
	Electrical machinery, app. and eqpt.	Czechoslovakia	11					Czechoslovakia	2
		Hungary	3					Hungary	28
								Hungary	219
								USSR	253
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		Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Value
Yemenia	Office machinery	Czechoslovakia	9	n.a.	Czechoslovakia	16	Czechoslovakia	6	
		Hungary	106	n.a.	Czechoslovakia	63	Czechoslovakia	54	
		USSR	2	n.a.	Hungary	-	Hungary	2	
		Cuba	3	n.a.	USSR	-	USSR	-	
		Cuba	3	n.a.	Cuba	-	Cuba	-	
Cuba, RICA	Electric machines, egg and egg-l	Czechoslovakia	5	n.a.	Czechoslovakia	-	Czechoslovakia	12	
		Czechoslovakia	1	n.a.	Czechoslovakia	-	Czechoslovakia	-	
Czechoslovakia	Diesel motors	Czechoslovakia	4	Czechoslovakia	7	n.a.	n.a.		
		Czechoslovakia	3	Czechoslovakia	-	n.a.	n.a.		
Czechoslovakia	Metal working machinery	Czechoslovakia	3	Czechoslovakia	-	n.a.	n.a.		
		Czechoslovakia	2	Czechoslovakia	-	n.a.	n.a.		
Czechoslovakia	Other machines, including electric	Czechoslovakia	2	Czechoslovakia	-	n.a.	n.a.		
		Czechoslovakia	2	Czechoslovakia	-	n.a.	n.a.		

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TABLE 2

SINO-SOVIET Bloc TRADE MISSIONS TO LATIN AMERICA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Members</u>
		<u>China</u>	
June 1955	Argentina	Second Assembly of the Argentine Commission for the Promotion of International Trade	Li Ying-Chi, Vice Manager of the China National Import and Export Corporation Hsu Sheng-Wa, Deputy Director of the Protocol Department of the China Committee for the Promotion of International Trade Chen Feng-Ping, Deputy Director of the Committee's Economic Research Department
		<u>Czechoslovakia</u>	
April 1954	Brazil	Sao Paulo 4th Centennial Fair Commercial	Vojtech Sedlocek, Secretary General of Chamber of Commerce
September 1954 to February 55	Argentina	Commercial Signed trade agreement	Josef Horn, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade
October 1954	Argentina	Commercial	Frantisek Mareš, Vice-president of the delegation and director of the Commercial Policy Section of the Ministry of Foreign Commerce. Jaroslav Prochaska, Director of the Export Section of the Ministry of Foreign Commerce Frantisek Hlin, Secretary of the delegation and departmental head in the Ministry of Foreign Commerce Zdenek Misera, Director of the Strojexport Company of Prague Bedrich Schneidu, Strojexport company of Prague Frantisek Benas, Ferromet export company of Prague Jaroslav Cisar, KOVO export company of Prague Antonin Dymca, Ceramica export company of Prague
November 1954	Brazil	Commercial	Miroslav Marusek, Head of delegation
May 1955	Cuba	Commercial	Three man delegation, names unknown
June 1955	Chile	Commercial	Jaroslav Hajan, Commercial Attache at the Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Late 1955	Brazil Argentina Paraguay Bolivia Colombia	Commercial	D.F. Bosan, Skoda engineering Stanislav M. Faretak
		<u>East Germany</u>	
April 1954	Argentina	Commercial	Unknown

SINO-SOVIET Bloc TRADE MISSIONS TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Members</u>
<u>East Germany</u>			
June 1954	Uruguay	Signed trade agreement	Fritz Hartmann, Departmental head of Ministry for Foreign and Inner-German Trade, representing the Deutsche Notenbank
June 1954	Argentina	Commercial	Seven members, names unknown
January 1955	Argentina Brasil Colombia	Commercial	Arthur Patsold, Head of delegation Walfried Lange Lothar Theodor Feuser Annemarie Heins Hildegard Eleise
September 55	Colombia	Commercial	Unknown
January 1956	Chile	Commercial	Unknown
January 1956	Argentina	Commercial	Fritz Hartmann, Head of delegation
<u>Hungary</u>			
June 1954	Chile	Commercial	Unknown, but members of the Hungarian Ministry of Trade, and economic experts
<u>Poland</u>			
December 1955	Paraguay Chile	Commercial	Czeslous Slowakiewics Tadeusz Harbowski
December 1955	Brasil	Commercial	Unknown, but representing the Gdansk (Danzig) and Szczecin (Stettin) shipyards
January 1956	Brasil	Commercial and delegation to President's inauguration	Waclaw Borsdikowski, Chief Justice of Supreme Court Czeslous Bajer, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade
<u>Rumania</u>			
August 1954	Chile	Commercial	Unknown
1955	Venezuela	Commercial	Rujan, Chemimport
<u>USSR</u>			
July-August 53	Argentina	Signed trade agreement	Six members Gheklia, Nikolai, head of the delegation
July 1954	Argentina Uruguay	Trade Fair in Buenos Aires Signed trade agreement	Nesterov, M.V., President of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce Vinogradov, V.M., Deputy Chief, Department of Trade with Western Countries

SINO-SOVIET BLOC TRADE MISSIONS TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Members</u>
		<u>USSR</u>	
May 1955	Argentina	Signed trade agreement Soviet Industrial Exhibit in Buenos Aires	Mikhail R. Kas'min, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Georgiy Arsen'yevich Virobyan; Syeiko Alaksandrev Alexis Anelitchev Pavel Erchov Vasili Koupriv Vladimir Larin Mikhail Mackarvitch Stephen Mamontov Pavel Nouiky Boris Semanov Nicolai Sokolov Anatoli Tarakanovsky Serguel Vachenin
December 1955	Colombia	2nd Bogota Industrial Fair Commercial	George Trofiavak Sergio Novak Leonid J. Bolshakov
December 1955	Ecuador	Commercial	Anatoly Kulashenkov, Soviet Ambassador to Mexico
December 1955	Uruguay	Commercial	Usenko, Director of the treaty section of the Department of Law and Treaties of the Ministry of Foreign Commerce Manenok, Commercial Department of the Ministry of Foreign Commerce