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SUBJECT : Planned Expansion of Communications Facilities in the Kazak and Bashkir SR's in Connection with the Development Grain Farming in these Areas.

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A.A. Noskov, the Kazak authorized agent of the Ministry of Communications has reported on plans for the expansion of communications coverage of State Farms and Machine Tractor Stations in the Kazak and Bashkir SSR's. These plans are related to the decision of the Central Committee of the Communist Party to establish grain farms in virgin lands of these areas. According to the article there is a need for establishing 400,000 km of new communications lines,* to install 16,700 km of wireline (of which 2,100 km will be bi-metallic), and to install 92 automatic telephone stations and 40 switchboards with a total installed capacity of about 2,800 numbers. Work is to begin no later than the third quarter of the current year. It was stated to be more expedient and economical to organize the new telephone systems so that direct communications exist between the farms and the Machine Tractor Stations, with the latter connected to the regional centers, rather than the previous method of communications between the farms and Machine Tractor Stations only through the regional center. Particular attention is being paid to the establishment of radio communications with outlying farms and MTS' situated in the newly exploited virgin lands where there is insufficient development in wireline communications.

COMMENTS: The contents of this article partially indicate the extent of communications outlays which will be necessary to incorporate the newly established grain farms and MTS into the communications system of the USSR. The report reveals Soviet intentions to organize wireline construction, and utilize radio communications between farms, MTS' and regional centers so as to minimize demands on deficient materials such as wire. The stated needs are consonant with the plans for expansion of farming into virgin soil areas, and are in accord with previously reported Kremlin plans to rectify the imbalance in the economy between industry and agriculture.

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A previous item reported Soviet plans to extend basic telecomm-unications coverage into the rural areas. This program, if carried out, will increase state authority and control over agriculture, and at the same time can yield some consumer satisfaction in line with the "new economic course."

* The figure 400,000 km probably includes postal routes as well as wireline and radio links.

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