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Dear Dr.

has asked me to respond to your request of 9 October 1975 for information on Soviet per capita real disposable income. I hope the enclosed data meet your requirements.

The figures on the attached sheet differ from our previous published numbers; we have made slight changes in the earlier methodology, particularly in military pay and money allowances. However, the basic methodology, as described in the 1973 JEC article, still holds. ("Soviet Consumer Welfare: The Brezhnev Era," by David W. Bronson and Barbara S. Severin, in Soviet Economic Prospects for the Seventies, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, 1973, pp. 376-403)

I am not familiar with any Western studies of per capita real disposable income in the union-republics, nor do I believe that the data required for these calculations is available.

We are in the process of revising and updating our estimates on disposable money incomes, and hope to include them in the JEC compendium scheduled for 1976.

Sincerely,

Office of Economic Research

Attachment:

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Per Capita Real Disposable Income*

	<u>Rubles</u>
1950	219.16
1955	366.16
1972	968.51
1973	1023.83

*We are not able to calculate disposable income for the years 1951-54.

Index of Per Capita Real Disposable Income (1950=100)

1950	100.00
1955	167.08
1960	219.85
1965	291.07
1966	316.85
1967	338.34
1968	370.33
1969	383.81
1970	404.16
1971	426.27
1972	441.69
1973	467.16