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Effort to stop tech transfer

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Japan-USSR: Restricting Access to Technology

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1 Tokyo has taken highly visible steps to check illegal Soviet  
 2 acquisitions of Western technology in Japan-~~(S-1)~~ actions apparently  
 3 designed to meet US criticisms. The new measures along with the  
 4 publicity surrounding them have hindered the Soviet S&T collection  
 5 effort in Japan and forced Japanese firms to be more cautious in  
 6 exporting high technology to the USSR. [redacted]

7 Last week's expulsion of two Soviet diplomats for industrial  
 8 espionage was the latest and most visible development in Tokyo's  
 9 increasing efforts to control technology losses to the USSR. In the  
 10 past nine months, Tokyo has curtailed entrance visas for Soviet  
 11 visitors, tightened travel restrictions on Soviet S&T delegations,  
 12 allocated additional manpower and funds to enhance enforcement efforts  
 13 and taken steps to ensure greater coordination among the Ministries  
 14 involved with technology transfer matters. The government has also  
 15 taken steps to limit Soviet technology acquisition through their East  
 16 European counterparts. [redacted]

17 The Foreign Ministry has emerged as the most active proponent of  
 18 this policy overshadowing trade officials who have viewed technology  
 19 exports solely in commercial terms. In conjunction with the National  
 20 Police, the Ministry orchestrated the expulsions and informed the  
 21 Trade Ministry just prior to the public announcement. The Foreign  
 22 Ministry has succeeded in raising technology transfer from a trade  
 23 administration matter to a broader foreign policy issue in which it  
 24 would have the upper hand. [redacted]

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Tokyo is considering future actions such as an even tighter review of high technology exports, stricter interpretation of COCOM guidelines and more thorough customs inspections of electronics parts. The Foreign Ministry has also promised a campaign to acquaint the business community with the effectiveness of the Soviet S&T collection effort in Japan and its implications for Japan's national security. As part of the effort, the Ministry plans to publish a pamphlet for general distribution containing examples of strategic technology losses. [REDACTED]

For the near term, the Trade Ministry will likely follow the Foreign Ministry's lead. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Press reporting indicates that the Trade Ministry may adopt stricter procedures for exports to countries in Southeast Asia and the Middle East which act as transit points for goods destined for the USSR. [REDACTED]

The crackdown will not end the problem of technology leakage to the USSR from Japan but it will hinder Soviet collection efforts.

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