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1948 Soviet Defense Appropriations

1. According to officially-published Soviet statistics, the USSR plans to devote 66.10 billion rubles, or 17 percent of its total budget, to the Soviet armed forces during 1948.

2. On the basis of CIA estimates, however (which are classified "Secret"), it is believed that Soviet plans actually call for 1948 defense expenditures of approximately 134.95 billion rubles, or some 34 percent of the current budget. This figure is reached by adding to the published defense appropriation the following items, representing those portions of other appropriations which are considered to serve primarily military requirements:

Announced military budget	66.10 billion rubles
Capital construction	10.35 billion rubles
Research	5.00 billion rubles
Production for military account	15.00 billion rubles
Reserve fund	5.00 billion rubles
MVD and MGB (Security services)	20.00 billion rubles
Education and health	13.50 billion rubles
TOTAL	134.95 billion rubles

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