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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Annual Report of Resistance Intelligence  
Committee (RIC) for Fiscal Year 1955-56

1. Since its re-establishment in August 1955, the Resistance Intelligence Committee (RIC) has:

- formulated its own terms of reference, which were approved by the IAC in January 1956.
- surveyed resistance activities in the Sino-Soviet bloc in 1955 on the basis of informal contributions from the Departments of State, Navy, Army, Air and the Central Intelligence Agency.
- fulfilled requests for information on resistance from USEUCOM and CINCFE.
- served as a forum for inter-agency discussions of current resistance developments in the Sino-Soviet bloc.

2. The RIC review of resistance developments during 1955 showed no material change in the quantity or quality of the flow of resistance intelligence from the bloc with the exception of some improvement with respect to East Germany and Communist China. There was little evidence of active resistance in 1955 in the Sino-Soviet bloc, although some passive resistance appears to have continued.

3. Since the Twentieth Party Congress in the USSR, the Soviet and satellite regimes have undertaken a number of measures ostensibly designed to liberalize their rule. These measures have apparently produced different reactions among different groups (the riots in Poland and Georgia, student demonstrations in Czechoslovakia, changes in top satellite ruling circles, etc). The RIC, working through the

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component agencies, is watching the effects of these measures to see whether they tend to invite resistance or to lessen resistance. Thus far, the available evidence is too limited to justify a revision at this time of NIE 10-55, Anti-Communist Resistance Potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, April 12, 1955.

4. Recommendation. In conformity with its terms of reference, the RIC recommends that the IAC:

- (1) agree that a continuation of this trend in the Sino-Soviet bloc would warrant a revision of NIE 10-55 in late 1956.

BORIS H. KLOSSON  
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