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Construction Branch Requirements for North Korea

1. The Construction Branch is responsible for producing all source economic intelligence on the construction of fixed installations and the production of construction materials in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The scope of this responsibility generally includes construction organizations, costs, methods, capabilities and design methods and standards and the production and distribution of various types of construction materials. The Branch has a strong interest in trade or other agreements entered into by North Korea with any member of the Sino-Soviet Bloc which involves construction operations, the furnishing or receipt of construction materials, construction equipment, technical assistance and training, or other construction activities of any ~~cast~~.

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2. The following specific requirements for North Korea are submitted:

a. General

1) What is the organization and administration of the construction industry?

2) To what extent is machinery used in construction work? Describe the equipment.

3) What is the origin of the industrial machinery and equipment and materials going into construction? What percentage is imported and from what countries is it imported?

4) What is the amount of SovBloc control over and assistance in construction activities?

b. Requirements for construction activities in North Korea.

1) Information is desired on all types of manufacturing and processing plants under construction or planned, to include:

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- coordinates.
- a) Location by province, city, town region and
 - b) Unit costs and prices and aggregate costs.
 - c) Labor required for their construction
 - d) Equipment and materials used in their construction.
 - e) Completion dates.
 - f) Problems encountered in their construction.
 - g) Dimensions and sizes of buildings and building
 - h) Design standards and criteria.
 - i) Quality of finished work.
- elements.
- 2) Information is desired on the construction of services and utilities such as airfields, highways, dams, canals, railroads, ports, electric power plants, transmission lines, pipe lines, water supply and sewers, bridges and tunnels.
 - a) Data required is covered in a thru i above.
 - 3) Information is desired on civilian and administrative construction to include: housing, offices, stores, hospitals, schools, civil defense structures and cultural buildings.
 - a) In addition to the data requested in a thru i above, unit costs per square meter is desired.
 - 4) Information is desired on military construction to include: camps and barracks, storage depots, fortifications, naval bases, shelters, training areas, airfields and guided missiles launching sites; specific information requested in covered in a thru i above.
 - 5) In addition to the above listed activities, applicable construction data requested in a thru i above is desired for the following construction activities: agriculture, mining, forestry, irrigation and all types of underground installations.

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c. Construction materials (cement, brick, flat glass)

1) Types of data required

- a) Location and description of producing plants.
- b) Production and production capabilities of individual plants.
- c) Unit costs and prices.
- d) Annual production statistics (aggregate and individual plant)
- e) Import-export statistics and prices.
- f) Labor required for production (aggregate and individual plants)
- g) Organization for production.

d. Investment data

- 1) What is the position of the construction industry as a component of investment in the national economy?
- 2) What is the volume (in money, physical terms or percentage) of expenditures devoted to construction activities?
- 3) What is the distribution of investment between the various types of construction activity (Industrial, Agricultural, Transportation, Power, Military, Housing Civil Defense, etc.) in money, physical or percentage terms?
- 4) What is the distribution of investment between allocations to plant and allocations to equipment.

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