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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, External Research Staff
Department of State

ATTENTION: Fred H. Sligh

SUBJECT: Information for ERS Report No. 5

1. Notations on the attached list indicate changes in the status of CIA projects previously listed.

2. In addition, the following new projects were begun during the quarter 1 July - 30 September 1954:

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a. [REDACTED] "Soviet Finance and Depreciation" (Unclassified). Initiated June 1954. [REDACTED]

25X1A1a

To compile information relative to (1) Soviet financial and accounting systems; (2) Soviet definition of terms such as current repair, capital repair and depreciation; and (3) norms for these terms as applied in the Soviet accounting system.

25X1A5a2

b. [REDACTED] "Assessment of Soviet Data on Railroads" (Unclassified). Initiated August 1954. [REDACTED]

25X1A1a

To eliminate certain small but basic problems associated with the accurate assessment of Soviet data on railroads.

25X1A5a2

c. [REDACTED] "Analysis of U. S. Industrial Cost Data" (Unclassified). Initiated September 1954. [REDACTED]

25X1A1a

To organize and analyze unclassified U. S. cost data, industry by industry, as an aid in the approximation of the Soviet industrial cost structure.

25X1A5a2 d. [REDACTED] "Trends in Soviet Medical Research" (Confidential). Initiated August 1954. [REDACTED] 25X1A1a

To provide continuing cognizance of the developments, trends and programs of Soviet and Satellite medical research in the form of summaries, reviews, and statistical studies prepared from information derived from available literature on medicine and allied sciences. Also to assemble and collate the primary source material in the form of a comprehensive file organized specifically to provide ready reference under the detailed functional subject classification required to facilitate medical intelligence research.

3. The Office of Naval Research should have listed the following project. If it has not, you should check with ONR to be sure that it is listed:

25X1A5a2 [REDACTED] "Survey of Soviet and Satellite Research in Selected Fields of Mathematics" (Secret). Initiated in August 1954. [REDACTED] 25X1A1a

To prepare, from available open literature, authoritative analytical surveys of Soviet and Satellite research in selected fields of mathematics.

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Office of the Special Assistant
to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

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