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Soviet Bloc Tire Industry

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In connection with a study of the tire making industry which is being prepared for Operating Committee review, in anticipation of requests to export U.S. tire making machinery to the USSR and other European Soviet bloc countries, it would be appreciated if you would provide a coordinated intelligence study of the Soviet bloc tire position, including information such as Soviet bloc production; production plans; vehicle population, current and planned; imports and exports of tires; military as against civilian tire usage and types; production in the Soviet bloc of tire making machinery, carbon black, tire cord, processing chemicals, and other essentials to tire production; and such other related information as you think might be useful to the Operating Committee in establishing U.S. export control policy in this field.

I understand that Mr. Hockersmith has already discussed this with you.

In order to save time and unnecessary repetition of work, you may wish to consider using the intelligence section of 1958 List Review Fact Sheet 1805 as part of this project.

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