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Submittal of Project 36.1935, "Trends in the Electronic Industry of the USSR"

1. The attached project is submitted for publication as a comprehensive resurvey of the economic development of the Soviet electronics industry. It is believed that this study will go a long way toward the filling of priority intelligence gaps in electronics production that have been singled out for attention in NIE post mortems and in the 1958 EIC "Contribution to the Annual Report on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program."

2. The project exploits much new data, which makes it possible to base the estimate less on US analogy than in the past. Moreover, the methodology is developed with sufficient explicitness as to permit the serious reader to follow step by step the manner in which the estimates are derived.

3. Although a need exists for continued refinement of the numbers in certain respects, it is believed that the project as submitted represents a very competent estimate in which considerable confidence can be placed. The project reflects to the credit of [redacted] the responsible analyst, and the Electronic Equipment Branch as a whole.

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4. Because of the importance of the problems treated by this project, it is strongly recommended that St/PB process it on a priority basis; certainly that it be moved ahead of any of the projects from this Division currently in the hands of St/PB.

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