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Notes on Project 34.1558

P. 7, 1958 gross output

In current or 1955 prices?

P. 7, Note 2

Indicate that conversion is at the official exchange rate.

Pp. 7-8, as bracketed

Sequence a little rough. Rearrange as suggested below:

The USSR chemical industry, which is the largest in the Sino Soviet Bloc and the second largest in the world, following the United States*, produced chemical equipment with a gross value of 1.1 billion rubles ($275 million)** in 1958. Compared with other branches of Soviet producer goods industry, such as agricultural machinery, the 1958 output of which totalled 8.8 billion rubles, the production of chemical equipment is relatively small. Under the Seven Year Plan, however, the Soviet chemical industry is scheduled for a large development and expansion program. According to the decision of ....

* Note 1: Present note 1 from p. 8
** Note 2: Present note 2 from p. 7

P. 8, 1. 4

Date of plenum?

Pp. 7-10

A very good statement of plans for the chemical industry. Should be tied more closely to the subject of the paper by a general summary sentence on plans for the chemical equipment industry such as:

In order to support these plans the USSR has scheduled a more than three fold increase in the production of chemical equipment during the period of the Seven Year Plan*

* See Section III. B., pp. 19-2?.

P. 37, last para.

1952-58 production (App. C., p. 61), totals 752,000 MT, not 75?,000 as stated here. Correct balance.

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P. 39, 11. 3-5, expected imports during 7YP.

Will USSR rely more on non-Bloc than on Bloc countries?

P. 45, 1. 6

Recheck dollar conversion.

P. 45, Table 1

Recheck North Korea for 1955. Shouldn't its export total be .7?
This would reduce the "other" to 0.1.

P. 45, 1. 2

Percentage will change if previous comment applies.

P. 50, Note C

Why will this firm sell a 40 million dollar plant for 20 million?
Erection costs? Explain.

P. 88, Part E

Recheck calculation of 19,1% average annual growth, 1958-65. Shouldn't
it be 18.5 or at most 18.6, depending on rounding.

Likewise, use of 19.1% for "r" in series at bottom of p. 88 results
in an output for 1965 of 3.74, not 3.6.

Note also Summary, p. 1, 11. 4 up, and references on pp. 21-2, p. 33.