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1. The possible lack of funds for proposed external research on Chicom agriculture threatens to limit seriously the research program of M/AG. Dropping negotiations at this time could also prove quite embarrassing to the Agency, inasmuch as they have been underway for some time.

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3. [REDACTED], Chief M/CH, attended several meetings of a Commerce-Defense committee which is formulating plans to control the export of unpublished technical data on petrochemical plants and processes. The proposed control procedures, which are to be submitted to the Operating Committee of the interagency Advisory Committee on Export Policy, are designed to prevent the re-export of US technology from friendly countries to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. [REDACTED]'s role was advisory, and with respect to matters of fact rather than of policy.

4. Consideration is being given to establishing an annual project which will provide a brief summary of the fuels and power industries of China. Experience indicates that there is considerable consumer interest in this type of intelligence which, although included in contributions to the annual NIE, rarely appears in the IP or completed NIE.

5. A summary of Free World proved crude oil reserves was prepared for use by the DCI as background material for an OCB meeting.

6. Material on USSR production of crude oil and USSR petroleum trade with the Free World was prepared for use by the DCI in briefing a representative of CBS.

7. The JAEIC Economic Working Group is reviewing and preparing comments on the contribution of the JAEIC Fissionable Materials Working Group to NIE 11-2-59.

8. The JAEIC Economic Working Group, subsequent to submission of its contribution to NIE 11-2-59, is drafting a proposed economic section for the NIE.

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9. [REDACTED], D/M, and [REDACTED] M/FP, visited New York to confer with members of the ORR Petroleum Advisory Panel [REDACTED].

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10. [REDACTED] attended the Advanced Orientation Course given by the Armed Forces Special Weapons Center at Haudin Air Force Base, New Mexico.

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11. Recent developments in the aluminum industry of the USSR were discussed with [REDACTED]. Partly as a result of this discussion, a PIM for a report on the aluminum industry of the USSR has been prepared and forwarded through channels for approval.

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12. [REDACTED] participated in the first meeting of a DD/I task force that is to survey the operations of OCR/IR. At this organizational meeting, [REDACTED] was elected chairman and preliminary plans for the task team's investigation were discussed. The group will undertake an on-the-spot study of IR functions and activities prior to the preparation of a formal report to the DD/I. A second meeting has been scheduled for mid January.

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14. D/M is proposing that another meeting of ORR analysts and FDD supervisors be held with the aim of improving FDD support to analysts doing research on the European Satellites. St/I/D has been requested to handle the necessary arrangements.

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