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TO: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
FROM: Acting Chief, Economic Research Area  
SUBJECT: Activity Report for the Month of July 1959

Current and Other Support Activities

Intra-Agency Support

1. ORR support for OCI during the month involved preparation of articles dealing with probable modification in Sino-Soviet Bloc agricultural organizations, pipeline construction, midyear economic plan results, and new developments and negotiations in Bloc trade, aid and arms programs. Attention continued to be focused on new developments in the Chinese communes. Khrushchev's doctrinal problems with the Soviet architects also were examined.

2. Support to the DCI and the DD/I included preparation of briefings on civil defense and Soviet Bloc offers to Ethiopia. D/I updated and revised portions of a briefing paper for the DCI on USSR guided missiles, aircraft, submarines, and military expenditures. [redacted] S/TR, prepared a briefing on the Northern Sea Route which was presented by the DCI to the National Security Council.

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Extra-Agency Support

5. Support for the USIB Watch Committee was largely concerned with Bloc arms trade, the effects of weather conditions on China, and the negative implications of internal Soviet developments.

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15. [redacted] participated in briefing Dr. Kosin and Mr. Tishinin, the official representatives for the Department of Agriculture at the American Exhibition in Moscow.

16. As a result of conversations between M/FP and representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission, the AEC will assist in answering questions concerning costs of the Soviet nuclear program.

17. Mrs. [redacted] S/TR, prepared a briefing on Sino-Soviet Bloc Maritime Fleets which Chief, D/S, will deliver at a conference of the National Maritime Research Board chaired by Admiral Radford.

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19. S/TD completed the preparation of intelligence statements on approximately two-thirds of the items on the COCOM lists during the month. Members of S/TD and other ERA analysts also participated in EDAC Technical Task Groups which formulated recommendations for redefinition of some of the items.

20. An "Alphabetical Index of International Lists" prepared by S/TD was published and disseminated. At the request of State Department, copies were provided for distribution to all U.S. Foreign Service Posts. Copies have also been distributed to Departments of Defense, Commerce, and Treasury, and to DD/P.

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