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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : Louis W. Goodkind

SUBJECT: Economic Defense Policy Review

For your information there is circulated herewith a copy of an outline submitted by Mr. Van Sant (OSD) in line with the discussion initiated by Mr. Nichols at the last meeting of the OPEP Drafting Group. Mr. Van Sant reports that Defense proposes to send in a paper on this subject within the next few weeks.

Attachment:

Defense draft entitled  
"Economic Structure of  
Communist Bloc".

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**ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF COMMUNIST BLOC**

- I. Historical Development of USSR economy - 1920 to World War II.
- II. Historical Pattern of trade among countries now comprising Communist Bloc, 1920 - World War II.
- III. Development of USSR economy since World War II.
- IV. Trends of intra-bloc trade relationships since World War II.
- V. Analysis of structure of USSR economy:

Industry	Agriculture
Distribution	Transport
Financial	Munitions
Trade	Technological Factors
- VI. Analysis of relationships between USSR and Satellites
- VII. Probable future trends in Communist Bloc economy
- VIII. Analysis of strengths and weaknesses of Communist Bloc economy, present and future.

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