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29 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contacts with Mr. Leon Herman, Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, Concerning Assistance to the Joint Economic Committee

1. The Joint Economic Committee of Congress is planning the preparation of a new study of Soviet economic growth to follow the one completed in 1959 entitled, Comparisons of the United States and Soviet Economies. This time the Committee intends to rely very heavily on U.S. Government agencies to provide the necessary research papers. We have learned that at least the Departments of State and Agriculture, in addition to this Agency, have been asked to make contributions.

2. The attached outline, The Recent Record in Soviet Economic Growth, was recently passed to ORR, by Mr. Leon Herman of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, who is serving the Joint Economic Committee as Staff Director for this project. On 29 May, the undersigned discussed with Mr. Herman our ability to contribute a series of unclassified papers on the subjects requested in Congressman Wright Patman's implementing letter to the Director of Central Intelligence and on other subjects that Mr. Herman would like materials.

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3. A preliminary review of ERA/ORR production capabilities suggests that we can do a good deal to satisfy the Committee. We plan to work informally with Mr. Herman on the details.

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Enclosure:

The Recent Record in Soviet Economic Growth (Outline)

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