

13 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Comment of **25X1A9a** OCI, on SRS-7,  
"Communism in Eastern Europe: Post-Stalin  
Developments in the Satellites"

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**25X1A9a** called me today concerning SRS-7. He asked who the author was, and when I gave him a brief account of **25X1A9a** background he expressed amused surprise, since he had been told by members of his staff that the author was a woman (confused with **25X1A9a** **25X1A9a** apologized for his delay in reading the paper, commenting on the fact that studies of this type usually get bogged down in In Boxes, and are only likely to be read if they can be taken home over a weekend. In this connection, he asked about the significance of the classification (Confidential). I assured him that the classification of all SRS studies, whether Official Use Only or Confidential, is somewhat nominal and has to do primarily with the fact that the name of the Agency appears on the cover. In practice, we encourage declassification as far as possible.

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**25X1A9a** spoke of the paper in terms of highest praise. He felt that it was the kind of mature, sophisticated study which is all too seldom produced in the governmental environment. I expressed particular appreciation of this praise since a number of specialized analyst readers had criticized it on the somewhat inconsequent grounds that it contained little or nothing which they did not already know - a point on which I have some doubt - and that it would not have any impact on a busy policy-maker because of its length, its literary style, and its extensive use of quotations. **25X1A9a** replied that therein precisely consisted its merit. He felt that papers of this type would only suffer from excessive concern with coordination or with specific impact.

He expressed great interest in receiving the next instalment, Hungary, which I told him would be published in January. He has particularly commended the first instalment to members of the OCI staff.

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