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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Special Meeting of CIA Members of EIC Subcommittees Held on 28 July 1955.

1. A special meeting of the CIA members of all EIC Subcommittees was held on Thursday 28 July 1955 at 1430, in Room 2125 Temporary M Building. The meeting was held for the purpose of initiating ORR's critical survey of the effectiveness of the EIC subcommittees, and of briefing the CIA members on ORR's general interests in and policy toward the EIC.

2. Those attending the meeting were as follows:

- 25X1A9a [redacted] Chairman, EIC
- 25X1A9a [redacted] Vice Chairman, EIC
- [redacted] EIC/S
- [redacted] EIC/S

CIA Members of EIC Subcommittees as listed below:

- Agriculture [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Armaments - [redacted]
- Chemicals - [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Econ. Anal. [redacted]
- Elec. & Tele. [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Elec. Pow. & S.F. [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Ind. Mach. - [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Int. Trade & Fin. [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Min. & Metals [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Petroleum - [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Pop. & Manpower [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Requirements - [redacted]
- Shipbuilding - [redacted] 25X1A9a
- Transportation [redacted]

3. The chairman commented on the increasing recognition in the intelligence community of the EIC and its functions. He reported on the successful completion of the following EIC projects:

- a. EIC-RI-54, "Communist China's Imports and Exports, 1954, Trade and Transport Involved";
- b. EIC-R-11, "The Balance of Payments of the Soviet Bloc and Communist China with the Free World";
- c. EIC-SR-3, "Institutions and Arrangements in International Trade and Finance within the Soviet Bloc"; and

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Economic Research Projects on the Sino-Soviet Bloc".

He also commented on the following studies in progress:

- e. EIC-P-6, "Economic Capabilities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc to Support a General War under Certain Assumptions";
- f. EIC-P-8, "Soviet Bloc's 1955-1956 Military Transportation Capability to Launch and Support Campaigns into Area Between Baltic Sea and the Alps";
- g. EIC-P-10, "Peacetime Military Consumption of Petroleum Products -- Sino-Soviet Bloc".

4. The Chairman commended the subcommittees' progress in completing their surveys of priority research deficiencies, and indicated that the recommendations in these surveys aided in formulating research programs in CIA and the other agencies involved. He noted that priority collection deficiency surveys had been completed in the fields of transportation, and electronics and telecommunications and had been passed by the EIC to the Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation for study, collection coordination, and appropriate action. He also noted the role of the subcommittees in coordinating external research projects, under the provisions of DCID 15/1; in reviewing substantive papers, and in developing agreed basic statistics.

5. The chairman indicated that the chief reason for calling the meeting was to initiate the ORR survey of the effectiveness of EIC subcommittees. The list of questions to be answered in connection with the survey (EIC-D-107/1) was distributed. The senior ORR representative on each subcommittee was asked to consult with all CIA members of his subcommittee, and develop answers to the questions. These answers were to be submitted to the EIC Secretariat by 17 August 1955. The results of the CIA survey together with those of similar surveys by each of the other IAC agencies are to be considered by the EIC. The EIC may then decide to modify some aspects of the subcommittee structure.

6. The members were reminded that the EIC subcommittee annual reports were due in the EIC Secretariat by 22 August 1955. The chairman indicated that in the preparation of both the annual reports and the replies to the survey questions, members of relatively inactive subcommittees should consider what changes might make their subcommittees more productive.

7. There was some discussion of the various matters raised by the chairman. The participants considered that the meeting was interesting and worthwhile.

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