

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE OF THE EIC

Value of work: Participation in the meetings of this subcommittee has been of marginal value to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce. It should be noted, however, that our role in the work of the subcommittee has been primarily one of providing basic data, rather than obtaining assistance in the analysis of the Soviet economy's trade and financial situation.

Should subcommittee be continued: Yes, assuming its functions could be clarified and that, as a subcommittee, there is a job for it to do in the field beyond that now being carried on by its members as individuals.

Future work: (1) It should search out the real gaps in this field of intelligence and formulate some plan for meeting them; (2) it should attempt to develop agreed methodology for adjustments to basic trade statistics for use by all Government agencies working on Bloc trade; and (3) it should more effectively keep the subcommittee informed of the work being done by its members.

Faults and Recommendations: The subcommittee's two major faults appear to have been a lack of continuity and a lack of any well defined objectives. The subcommittee, if continued, should be more than a clearing house for projects of individual members.

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Bureau of Foreign Commerce
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TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
(EIC)

<u>Value of Work</u>	<u>Should Work be Continued</u>	<u>Future Work</u>	<u>Faults and Recommendations</u>
Of some value as additional source of information in the area of the Soviet Bloc.	Yes	Should carry on specific analyses through work groups.	Present tendency to overclassify material dealt with.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1955

TO: Mr. E. E. Schnellbacher, Commerce Representative, EIC
FROM: Conrad Taeuber, Subcommittee on Population and Manpower, EIC
SUBJECT: Subcommittees

C.V.

Reference is made to your memorandum of September 15, 1955, subject as above. In accordance with your suggestion, I have used the form reproduced below in submitting answers to the questions you posed.

Subcommittee on Population and Manpower

Value of work	Should work be continued	Future work	Faults and recommendations
Yes, very valuable	Yes	a. Discuss needed research. b. Clearing house for outline and discussing proposed projects. c. Presentation of research methods and findings.	None

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