

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINERALS AND METALS:

8. Discussion: The Chairman of the Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals stated that they had not followed the practice of holding

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regular meetings for about three years since CIA/RR is now the only agency significantly engaged in economic research on the Sino-Soviet Bloc areas on this subject. The Minerals and Metals SC has had no occasion to get together on agreed statistics in the past year. The SC met three times during the past year, each time at the request of the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges. The Subcommittee has served a very useful function as a means of direct communication on a number of ad hoc questions.

8. Action: The Chairman stated that in spite of the fact that this SC does not meet regularly, it performs a very useful function. He further indicated that consideration should be given to devoting a larger effort on the non-ferrous side of the SC activities, particularly in regard to the revision of the priority deficiencies. He suggested that the new PNEIO's be used as a basis for revising the priority collection and research deficiencies.

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