

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## Military-Economic Advisory Panel

## CHARTER

The Director of Central Intelligence has established the Military-Economic Advisory Panel (MEAP) to provide a continuing review of the US Intelligence Community's military-economic analysis of the Soviet Union, China, and other Communist countries. The Panel will focus its attention on research relating to:

- The economics of the Soviet defense effort.
- The economy of the USSR, particularly as this relates to Soviet defense activities and capability.
- Economic, political, and military considerations that determine the size, pattern, and direction of the Soviet defense effort.
- Such other topics that may be specified from time to time by the DCI.

In so doing, the MEAP will

- Review and critique the data, concepts, and methodologies used in military-economic estimates as well as the appropriateness, form, and scope of reporting the research findings.
- Examine alternative methodologies, and recommend actions--including the creation of new research areas--to enhance existing analyses.

- Investigate and recommend ways of establishing limits and benchmarks with which to check the reasonableness of estimates.

The MEAP is composed of nine members, each with expertise in one of the following areas:

- Economics and political economy, with emphasis on the Soviet Union.
- Formulation of National Security Policy.
- Weapons technology and defense industries.

To accomplish the work of the Panel, the members will have access to all information and methodologies in use and to all the Intelligence Community resources involved in military-economic analysis.

The Military-Economic Advisory Panel will meet at least twice a year. It will prepare a comprehensive written report annually for the DCI, and will offer interim reports as appropriate.

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