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Memorandum for: [redacted] Office of the DCI

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CURRENT STATUS OF THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE

1. The export pipeline is the Soviets' first order of business after finishing a domestic pipeline in the next few weeks. The Soviets have prepared the right of way for the export line and are now moving equipment along the route. To the best of our knowledge, no ~~part~~ portion of the line has ~~actually~~ actually been laid to this date.

2. The Soviets have signed enough pipe and equipment contracts to begin the line. Roughly \$9 billion in contracts have been signed thus far, including those for pipe, compressor station equipment and other equipment for laying the line. Additional purchases are outstanding, but the vast bulk of imports required have been ordered.

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