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SUBJECT : Statistics on Soviet Population
and Soviet GNP

Attached is the information that you requested concerning the Soviet population and growth rates of Soviet GNP.

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1. The population figures for Kiev and Leningrad are as follows:

	1975
Kiev	<u>1,764,000</u>
Leningrad	3,620,000

2. Statistics concerning the size of the various ethnic groups of the Soviet Union are reported in the census of 1959 and the census of 1970. Figures for other years have not been published. The nationality of children was assumed to be the same as that of their parents. If the parents were of different nationalities, the mother's nationality was used.

Although the absolute number of persons classified as Russians account for over 53% of the population, any Soviet citizen, regardless of his true origin, could be classified as Russian. The size of the Russian ethnic group may therefore be exaggerated.

The population data for the 20 largest ethnic groups for 1959 and 1970 are as follows:

Ethnic group	population (in 1000s)		percent of total population	
	1959	1970	1959	1970
Russian	114,114	129,015	54.65	53.37
Ukrainian	37,253	40,753	17.84	16.86
Uzbek	6,015	9,195	2.88	3.80
Belorussian	7,913	9,052	3.79	3.74
Tatar	4,968	5,931	2.38	2.45
Kazakh	3,622	5,299	1.73	2.19
Azerbaijdzhanian	2,940	4,380	1.41	1.81
Armenian	2,787	3,559	1.33	1.47
Georgian	2,692	3,245	1.29	1.34
Moldavian	2,214	2,698	1.06	1.12
Lithuanian	2,326	2,665	1.11	1.10
Jewish	2,268	2,151	1.09	.89
Tadzhik	1,397	2,136	.67	.88
German	1,620	1,846	.78	.76
Chuvash	1,470	1,694	.70	.70
Turkmenian	1,002	1,525	.48	.63
Kirgiz	969	1,452	.46	.60
Latvian	1,400	1,430	.67	.59
Peoples of Dagestan	945	1,365	.45	.56
Mordvinian	1,285	1,263	.62	.52
Other	9,592	9,613	4.61	4.62

3. The average life expectancy of a Soviet citizen is as follows:

	1940	1970	1974
Life expectancy in years	47	70	70

4. GNP measured by sector of origin, calculated at factor costs is used to determine economic growth. With this as a base, the annual growth rates of Soviet GNP are as follows:

	1971	1972	1973	Preliminary 1974
Growth of Soviet GNP in percent	4.3	2.3	7.3	3.7

5. GNP measured as the geometric mean of ruble and dollar comparisons is used for international comparisons. To calculate Soviet per capita GNP, total GNP, using the geometric mean of rubles and dollars, was divided by the Soviet midyear population for the corresponding year. Growth rates were calculated directly from this data,

	1971	1972	1973	Preliminary 1974
Growth rate of Soviet per capita GNP	3.2	1.5	5.4	2.6