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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Offer of CIA Advice in Revision of "Trends in Economic Growth," prepared by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report

1. In line with our telephone conversation of today, I am forwarding to you a memorandum prepared by our Acting Chief of the Economic Defense Division, ORR. This memorandum states that Dr. Charles S. Sheldon of the Library of Congress will be responsible for revising the subject Report in response to the objectives of the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, as set forth in paragraph 2 of the enclosure.

2. This Office has particular competence on economic trends within the Sino-Soviet Bloc and on the nature, extent, and actual performance of Communist economic activities in underdeveloped areas.

3. As a result of a high-level suggestion last year and with the cognizance of the Legislative Counsel, [redacted] and members of his staff conferred with [redacted] who was then directing the preparation of the 1955 Report. A portion of the manuscript was also made available and comments and additions were suggested by [redacted] to the authors. [redacted] is the chief of our Economic Analysis Division.

4. In the interests of providing Congress and the public with an accurate and balanced report on Soviet economic trends and activities, this Office would appreciate the opportunity to have [redacted] and one or two members of his staff confer with Dr. Sheldon at his convenience. We would hope that he would be favorable to our review of those sections of the draft relating to Soviet economic trends and activities. Of course, our assistance and advice will be on an unclassified basis.

5. Would it be possible for you to take the initial step toward arranging such an interview with Dr. Sheldon?

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Enclosure:
Memorandum to Legislative Counsel from D/E/RR.

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