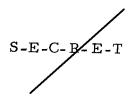
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July 1957 - June 1958

#### I. Principal Accomplishments in Economic Intelligence Coordination.

During Fiscal Year 1958, Economic Intelligence Committee activities were focused principally on the revision of the various directives delineating responsibilities and functions for the coordination of foreign economic intelligence, on the production and coordination of economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and on Bloc economic activities in Free World areas, and on the review of the current status of economic intelligence research as a guide for individual agency programming.

Coordinated reports were issued during the year on Communist China's trade and transport; on Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activities in underdeveloped areas; on "Soviet Civil Defense and Air Raid Shelter Construction" (a CIA report coordinated by the EIC); on "Trends in Middle East Oil" (a contribution to NIE 30-2-57); on Sino-Soviet Bloc military consumption of petroleum, 1956-57 (a subcommittee working paper); and on other subjects. General surveys were published of economic intelligence research on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and the Free World undertaken within the US Government and selected \_\_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

Economic Intelligence Objectives" (PNEIO's) were prepared for guidance in economic intelligence collection and production, and the EIC Subcommittees were directed to review their priority research and collection deficiencies in the light of these revised PNEIO's. EIC Subcommittees continued to provide substantial technical advice and suggestions to the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges. At the end of the year, major reports and surveys in progress included a study of Soviet agricultural prospects, a semiannual analytical study of Bloc economic activities in underdeveloped areas, and a survey of non-Bloc economic intelligence research. In addition, a special survey of US Government professional personnel engaged in economic intelligence and related economic research was undertaken by the EIC as a part of its responsibilities under DCID 3/1.

#### II. EIC Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 1958.

#### A. Major Studies and Related Support Activities.

During Fiscal Year 1958 the EIC produced coordinated studies on a number of different problems, as follows:

l. Two reports were published continuing the series of
periodic summaries and analytical reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc
economic activities in underdeveloped areas: EIC-R14-S3 and
EIC-R14-S4, Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped
Areas, covering the periods 1 January - 30 June 1957 and 1 July -
31 December 1957. In addition, the EIC Working Group on Sino-
Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas published
26 Biweekly Reports and a chronological index for 1957 covering these
developments on a current factual basis. EIC-R14-S5, covering the
period 1 January - 30 June 1958, was in preparation at the end of
the Fiscal Year, being scheduled for publication late August 1958.
Distribution continues to be some 500 for the Biweekly Reports and
bog been reigned to 700 for the R-14 series. Distribution during
FY 1958 was widened to include the and the and the
in addition to US Government
offices in Washington and overseas, and selected 25X1
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- 2. EIC-R1-S6, the seventh EIC report on Communist China's trade and transport covering 1956, was published in December 1957 as a US unilateral report without a joint conference as in the past, but using considerable data from In FY 1959, in lieu of 25X1 an eighth revision of this series, it was recommended to the IAC, and approved, that the principal conclusions and summary statements of a selected group of scheduled research studies bearing directly on the subject of China's Trade and Transport would be reviewed by the appropriate EIC Subcommittee(s) and these studies, when published, would contain forewords noting concurrences or reservations of the reviewing agencies. In addition, the EIC will undertake the issuance of an annual summary of these conclusions. The EIC was to report to the IAC a year later as to the suitability of this alternative procedure.
- 3. Other studies undertaken or reviewed by the EIC included: EIC coordination of a CIA/ORR project on Soviet Civil Defense and Air Raid Shelter Construction; and a contribution on economic intelligence for use by the IAC in its Annual Report to the National Security Council on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program as well as contributions to the Semiannual Reports to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Economic and Geographic Intelligence Activities. One EIC Subcommittee coordinated and published a working paper on Military Consumption of Petroleum Products, Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1956 and 1957; while another Subcommittee prepared and published two research aids in the field of electronics and telecommunications.

### B. Review of Research and Support of Research Programming.

- 2. A special survey of US Government professional personnel engaged in economic intelligence and related economic research was undertaken by the EIC as a part of its responsibilities under DCID 3/l. A total of 24 US Government Departments and Agencies contributed to the preparation of this survey. When completed, it should prove a valuable guide for the intelligence community in the planning and organization of its research activities and in interagency exchange and assistance in specified fields.
- 3. Surveys of priority research and collection deficiencies in the field of electronics and telecommunications equipment production in Communist China were approved and published; 8 other surveys of priority deficiencies in research or collection were in preparation at the end of the year. A review of the current position of identified research deficiencies has been undertaken by the subcommittees in connection with their annual reports, taking into account the recently revised Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives and the progress made in filling identified research deficiencies and changes in priorities previously assigned. As a result of such review last year, one subcommittee is revising its approved survey, and all surveys will be scrutinized as to need for updating and probable restatement.
- 4. In accordance with the standing provisions of DCID 3/1 (Formerly 15/1), 7 proposed external economic research projects, each involving more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were reviewed by the EIC during FY 1958. EIC comments and suggestions were forwarded to the sponsoring agencies for their guidance. 25X1
  - C. Improvement of Collection Requirements and Other Support For Collection Activities.

The Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation continued to focus its attention on improvement of collection

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requirements and on guidance for collection activities. Through its
Standing Group on the a new format was adopted for transmittal of requirements to US diplomatic 25X1
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missions in Eastern European Satellites; "salient questions" priority
guidance for collection in each of the Satellites were refined; the
processing through OCR/CIA of materials obtained b25X1
collection abroad was improved, and coordination clarified 25X1
and strengthened. The Subcommittee-sponsored Economic Reporting
Guidance Program has provided improved quality in economic reporting
from Missions behind the Iron Curtain. Arrangements are being made
to broaden the FSO briefing aspect of the program.

#### D. Other Activities.

#### 1. Technical Advice on Exchange Proposals.

EIC Subcommittees continued their support of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges, supplying technical advice and suggestions in connection with proposed exchange visits of Bloc and US experts. The Population and Manpower Subcommittee proposed an exchange on Census procedures and techniques, which has been proposed to the USSR, but has not been finally agreed.

#### 2. Support of National Intelligence Estimates.

A contribution on "Trends in Middle East Oil" for NIE 30-2-57: Near East Developments Affecting US Interests was submitted to ONE by the EIC.

NIE post mortems and validity studies were drawn on for guidance to the community. Eight post mortems and three validity studies were forwarded to the appropriate EIC Subcommittees and Working Groups for their information and guidance.

#### 3. Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives.

Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives, identifying and expanding the economic aspects of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives, were revised early in FY 1958. With the revision of the PNIO's -- tentatively approved by the IAC as DCID 1/3 -- the statement of Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives was revised by the EIC to conform to this new DCID and, when approved by the IAC, will be published as Annex B to DCID 1/3.

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# 4. Revision of DCID on Production and Coordination of Foreign Economic Intelligence.

As a part of the over-all review and revision of NSCID's and DCID's undertaken by the IAC during FY 1958, the EIC reviewed and revised the DCID for the production and coordination of foreign economic intelligence (formerly DCID 15/1). No major changes were made in the DCID, but the language was clarified and EIC Terms of Reference, formerly provided for in IAC-D-22/1 Revised, were incorporated. DCID 3/1 was approved by the IAC on 10 June 1958. The EIC also reviewed NSCID 15 and recommended its elimination (IAC-D-105/1, 2, 3).

# 5. Review of Subcommittee (SC) Operations and Functions.

During the year, the EIC continued its systematic review of the activities of its Subcommittees, with a view to developing constructive proposals for strengthening Subcommittees which were encountering special problems or were less effective than had been anticipated when established. Special problems of individual Subcommittee operations were noted, and agreement reached as to the nature and scope of activity of the Subcommittees reviewed, recognizing the varying roles each Subcommittee plays in the coordination of economic intelligence. One matter of prime concern for each Subcommittee reviewed was the present inadequacy of SC Terms of Reference -some of which were approved as far back as 1951 -- in view of the many changes which have been made in basic concepts and functions of EIC Subcommittees since that time. During FY 1959, each Sub-committee will be requested to review its Terms of Reference, in the light of the General Concept and Functions of EIC Subcommittees (EIC-D-123/2, 20 December 1955) and the new DCID 3/1. Using a guide Model Terms of Reference for Subcommittees, prepared by the EIC Secretariat, each Subcommittee will be asked to prepare a revised Subcommittee Terms of Reference for EIC approval.

# 6. Projects Cancelled or Deferred.

Two projects, considered by the EIC during FY 1958, were either cancelled or determined not to be of such a priority as to warrant the expenditure at this time of the effort required.

- a. The status of the project, "WSEG Study on Soviet Military Transportation Capability" (EIC-P-8), was reviewed with the requestor and, having determined that the preliminary report met the requestor's needs, the EIC agreed that a final report would not be prepared by EIC. It was also agreed that the Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group (TCEG) might complete the report to meet Department of Army needs and publish it as an ACSI, Army Intelligence Report, showing participating agency concurrences or reservations.
- b. The ACSI, Army suggestion that EIC consider the advisability of updating the EIC report on "The Economic Importance of the Resources of Selected Areas to the US and Other Free World Countries" (EIC-R-5), be updated was noted and it was agreed that such a study, while useful, would not warrant the required expenditure of time and a revision should not be undertaken.

#### 7. Miscellaneous Subcommittee and Working Group Activities.

Subcommittee activities continued generally to focus on the review of gaps in intelligence, discussion of substantive papers, exploration of methods used in research, review of external research projects, maintenance of agreed basic statistics, and maintenance of community liaison. Special SC activities included the following: The Petroleum SC, with EIC approval, up-dated its study of Sino-Soviet Bloc military consumption of petroleum products; the Subcommittee on Agriculture continued its work on the report on Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture, which is planned for publication during FY 1959; the SC on Electronics and Telecommunications published two research aids in its field; the SC's on Shipbuilding and on Transportation continued their work toward development of agreed research methods.

# 8. Change in Associate Membership.

At the request of that agency, HEW representation as an associate member of the EIC was terminated in June 1958; however, HEW is willing to be consulted on an <u>ad hoc</u> basis, when required, and has named a contact for such consultation.

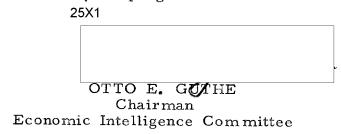
#### III. Outlook for FY 1959.

As the EIC enters its eighth year as the mechanism for community-wide coordination of economic intelligence, it appears that the guidelines established in its past operation have enabled it to reach a point where no particular problems call for special emphasis, and where its future activities will continue to provide effective support in areas of national security interests.

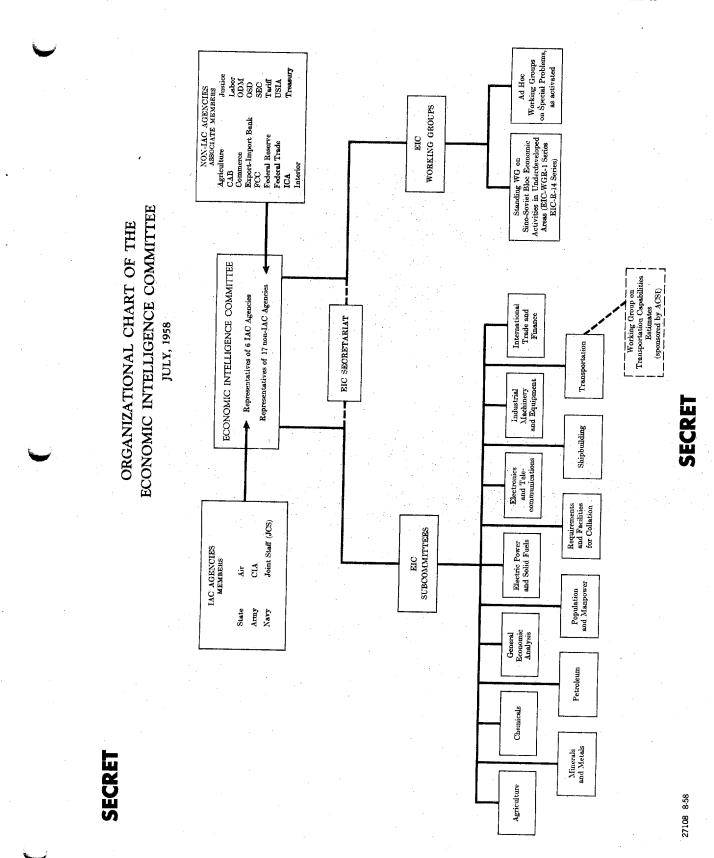
Among its continuing activities will be included a review of its Subcommittees! Terms of Reference, and review and discussion of their priority research and collection deficiency statements. These reviews will be conducted with particular reference to the recently revised DCID's 3/1 and 1/3, Annex B. The EIC will continue its periodic reviews of Subcommittee activities in order to insure their appropriate actions and to make them continually responsive to unique requests, such as those levied by the AD Hoc Committee on Exchanges.

The coordination of economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and on Bloc economic activities in Free World countries will continue, and as international developments warrant, shifts in emphasis with respect to economic intelligence relating to US national security interests in Free World areas will occur. Similarly, review of proposed external research contracts will continue to be an important part of the EIC's responsibilities.

Initial planning for EIC emergency operation in the event of an Alert was begun by the Secretariat towards the end of the year. The problems incurred and the procedures required will be considered by the EIC in preparation for participation in the 1959 Alert Exercise. The EIC is increasingly being utilized as the appropriate mechanism for coordination of a number of non-Bloc economic intelligence problems where such coordinated activity is desirable, and it is hoped that this activity, too, will be expanded as the year progresses.



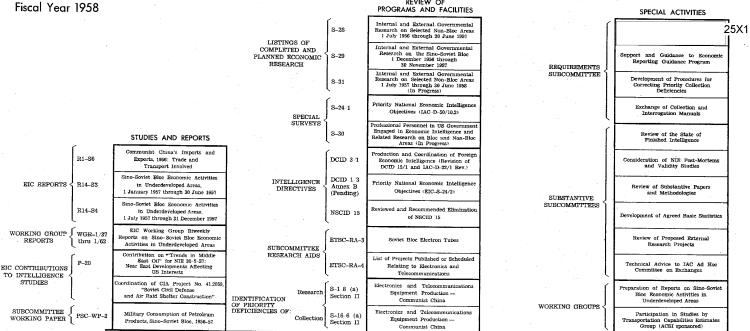
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# EIC PRODUCTION AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

# 1 July 1957 to 30 June 1958

# I. Reports and Special Studies

#### A. Completed

EIC Designation	Title	Requester			
EIC-R1-S6	Communist China's Imports and Exports, 1956: Trade and Transport Involved	IAC			
EIC -R14-S3	Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, 1 January 1957 through 30 June 1957	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Economic Policy			
EIC -R14-S4	Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, 1 July 1957 through 31 December 1957	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Economic Policy			
EIC-WGR-1/37 through 1/62	EIC Working Group Biweekly Reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Under- developed Areas	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Ecomomic Policy			
	Index of Biweekly Reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, 1957	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Economic Policy			
EIC-PSC-WP-2 (formerly EIC-P-19)	Military Consumption of Petroleum Products, Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1956-57	EIC Subcommittee on Petroleum			
B. <u>In Progress</u>					
EIC-R-14 Series	Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, 1 January 1958 through 30 June 1958	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Economic Policy			

EIC Designation	Title	Requester	
EIC-WGR-1/ Series	EIC Working Group Biweekly Reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Under developed Areas	Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Economic Policy	
EIC-P-12	Policies, Performance and Prospects of Soviet Agricul- ture	Department of State	
C. Cancelle	<u>d</u>		
EIC-P-8	Soviet Bloc's 1955-56 Military Transportation Capability to Launch and Support Campaigns into the Area between the Bal- tic Sea and the Alps	WSEG through IAC	
II. Contributions	to Intelligence Studies		
Completed			
EIC-P-20	EIC Contribution on "Trends in Middle East Oil" to NIE 30-2-57: Near East Developments Affecting US Interests (Prepared by Petroleum Subcommittee)	ONE	
	EIC Coordination of CIA/ORR Project No. 41.2059, "Soviet Civil Defense and Air Raid Shelter Construction"	CIA	
III. Surveys			
A. Complete	<u>ed</u>		
EIC-S-24/1	Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives (IAC-D-50/10.2)	IAC	
EIC-S-24/2	Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives (Revision of IAC-D-50/10.2) (Annex B to DCID 1/3, 18 March 1958)	IAC	

EIC Designation	Title	Requester			
EIC-S-28	Survey Listing of Internal and External Economic Research Projects on Selected Non-Bloc Areas, 1 July 1956 through 30 June 1957	EIC			
EIC-S-29	Survey Listing of Internal and External Economic Research Projects on the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1 December 1956 through 30 November 1957	EIC			
EIC-S-1/8 (a) Section II.	Survey of Priority Deficiencies of Research on Sino-Soviet Bloc Electronics and Telecommunications a. Equipment Production II. Communist China	EIC			
EIC-S-16/6 (a) Section II.	Survey of Priority Deficiencies of Collection on Sino-Soviet Bloc Electronics and Telecommunications a. Equipment Production II. Communist China	EIC			
EIC-ETSC-RA-3 (Research Aid)	Soviet Bloc Electron Tubes	EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications			
EIC-ETSC-RA-4 (Research Aid)	List of Projects Published or Scheduled Relating to Electronics and Telecommunications	EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications			
B. <u>In Progress</u>					
EIC-S-30	Survey of Professional Person- nel in US Government Engaged in Economic Intelligence Re- search on Bloc and Non-Bloc Areas, 1957	EIC			

EIC Designation		Title	Requester		
EIC -S - 31	Survey Li External Projects Areas, 1 30 June 1	EIC			
EIC-S-1/Series	Surveys of Resear	EIC			
	1/2 (Rev) 1/3 1/8  1/9 1/11 1/12	Chemicals Trade and Finance Electronics and Tele- communications b. Facilities (Installations) II. Communist China Transportation Systems e. Air Transportation Electric Power and Solid Fu a. Electric Power Industrial Machinery and Equipment	uels		
EIC-S-16/Series		of Priority Deficiencies of Co ino-Soviet Bloc	ollec - EIC		
	16/6	Electronics and Tele- communications b. Facilities (Installations) II. Communist China Transportation Systems e. Air Transportation			
C. Deferred, Cancelled, or Suspended					
EIC -S-1/6	Research	Priority Deficiencies of in the Field of General Analysis of the Sino-Soviet	EIC		
EIC-S-16/13		Priority Deficiencies of on Sino-Soviet Bloc	EIC		

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#### IV. Continuing EIC Special Activities

#### A. Of the EIC:

Review, and make recommendations to the IAC, with respect to appropriate NSCID's and DCID's.

В.	Of the	Subcomm	mittee o	n Red	uireme	nts and	Facilities	for
	Collati	ion:	051/					
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Coordination of the

Support and Guidance to Economic Reporting Guidance Program

Consideration of Priority Deficiencies in Collection

Exchange of Collection and Interrogation Manuals

## C. Of Other Subcommittees and Working Groups:

Preparation of Reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas

Participation in preparation of Reports on Communist China's Trade and Transport

Preparation of Studies by Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group (under OACSI sponsorship)

Technical Advice to the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges

Review of Proposed External Research Projects (See TAB D)

Development of Agreed Basic Statistics

Review of Substantive Papers and Methodologies

Review of the State of Finished Intelligence

Consideration of Pertinent Post-Mortems and Validity Studies

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TAB D

External Economic Research Projects Reviewed by the EIC During Fiscal Year 1958

The following government-sponsored external economic research projects were reviewed during Fiscal Year 1958 by the EIC and comments forwarded to the sponsoring agency. During FY 1958, the procedures for EIC review of external research projects were examined and revised to expedite EIC review.

Title Process Analysis of the USSR Chemical Industry	Sponsoring Agency Air Force	Contractor Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.	Amount of Contract \$140,000
Process Analysis of the USSR Light and Medium Machine Building Industry	Air Force	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.	210,000
Planning Study of the Soviet Heavy Machine Building Industry (Phase II)	Air Force	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.	259,000

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