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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 May 1957

FROM : Chief, Medium Machinery Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April 1957

1. AccomplishmentsA. Branch Projects Submitted -- NoneB. Other Projects Submitted --10.1509 -- Progress and Problems of the European  
Satellite Economies in 1956 (Final contribution --  
26 Apr 57)C. Special Research --

6 hours country time -- [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

Total for FY 57 -- 59 hours

D. Other --

2 April -- Review of NIS 18, Czechoslovakia, Section 60

10 April -- Proposed External Research Project on  
Industrial Production in Communist China10 April -- Review of preliminary draft of NIS 23,  
Section 16, Bulgaria24 April -- Requirements -- Hungarian Refugees  
Spanish repatriate  
No. 1, 2, and 3  
Far East Periodic  
Requirements25 April -- Comments on OSI Suggestions on Project  
No. 30.1089, Trends in Automation in the USSR.

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2. Training

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[REDACTED] continue to attend a course entitled Summary of USSR in Russian.

3. Trips -- None

4. Administration

The branch research program for FY 58 was reviewed and approved by members of St/PR.

5. Plans

Several members of the branch have mentioned that they feel it would be helpful if they had a better understanding of the operations and problems of some of the other branches in the Division. While we work closely with I/TH on a number of problems we have much less contact with the other branches of the Division. It is proposed, therefore, that a series of informal meetings be arranged between I/MM and representatives of the other branches in D/I to discuss common methodological problems, research techniques, sources of data, recent accomplishments and planned FY 58 research. Discussions with I/EE would be a logical starting point followed by discussions with the various military branches. We feel that such meetings would be valuable in promoting the Division's total research effort.

6. Problems -- No comments

7. Recommendations -- No comments

8. Other Information

The Branch Chief I/MM was appointed a member of a working group to prepare a DD/I briefing on the value of open-source literature to the US and the USSR for technological and intelligence use. Contributions from numerous branches in D/M, D/S, D/I, and D/A were received and a summary position presenting the ERA viewpoint was submitted to [REDACTED] the working group chairman.

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