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EDAC Working Group I, International Export Control Systems

To: Working Group I

From: Lena E. Rector  
Committee Secretary

Subject: Multilateral Controls over Provision of  
Ships and Ship Services to the Soviet Bloc

Attached for your information are copies of a letter, dated January 25, from Dr. Guthe to Admiral DeLany advising that the study of Soviet bloc shipping has been assigned to EDIC, and of Admiral DeLany's acknowledgment of this letter.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.

25 January 1957

Admiral W. S. DeLany  
Deputy Director  
Mutual Defense Assistance Control  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral DeLany:

25X1A9a [REDACTED] In response to your letter of 18 January 1957, it seemed to me that your requirement for a study of Soviet Bloc shipping should properly be assigned to the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC). Accordingly, I discussed your problem with [REDACTED] of my staff, who has very recently been designated as the Chairman of this Committee. This morning he advised me that EDIC, in its discussion of the proposal yesterday, had agreed to undertake this project through a special working group to be composed of shipping specialists from the Navy, State, and CIA. These specialists have previously worked together on problems of this nature. Designated representatives of this group will be asked to meet with EDAC Working Group I to discuss certain questions of content, focus, and timing.

I will advise you at a later date of the arrangements which are finally agreed upon.

Sincerely,

/s/ Otto E. Guthe

Otto E. Guthe  
Assistant Director

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January 30, 1957

Dr. Otto E. Guthe  
Assistant Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Guthe:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of 18 January. It seems completely appropriate that EDIC should undertake the study. In fact, I am happy to see that group accept the assignment.

Consultation between WG-I and the special working group of EDIC will, I am sure, bring the intent of the study into focus and expedite its completion.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. S. DeLany

W. S. DeLany  
Deputy Director, MDAC

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