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Memorandum

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Chairman, EDIC

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From:

Department of Commerce Member

Subject: Request for Intelligence on Steel Testing Device

Air Intelligence Information Report IR-195-56 (Bonn D-2437 of June 4) contains information and a technical drawing of a super-sonic sheet steel testing device which is being produced in Western Germany. The report also establishes that Russia and various satellites have expressed great interest in this device, and that negotiations are under way for the possible sale of 20 pieces of this equipment to the Soviet bloc.

On the basis of the Air Intelligence Report, the Department of Commerce has identified this item as falling under I/L No. 1502.

This matter was discussed on October 15, 1956 at a meeting of EDAC Working Group I, where it was decided that EDIC be requested to develop further intelligence, if feasible, on this item.

Accordingly, it is requested that EDIC undertake to determine whether additional and more current intelligence relating to the strategic importance of, and Soviet interest in, this device can be developed.

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