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1. Conferred with [redacted] and got him to draft a brief to be presented orally by DCI or someone for him on the Summary Evaluation when we meet with the JCS on Monday.

25X1A9a 2. DCI was unable to attend final meeting of the O/RR consultants. Representing CIA were Amory, Kent, [redacted], and assistants. The panel's report might be summarized as follows:

a. The O/RR research program is good and a highly desirable development but more thought should go into relative priorities; so that the absolutely essential studies, such as petroleum, electronics, etc., can be singled out for special effort and sure accomplishment, even though other pressures cause a curtailing in the program as a whole.

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b. Sovmat program is entirely inadequate and needs intensive expansion so as to provide a steady flow of critical items and a cessation of coat hangers, shoe brushes, etc. Great stress was laid on the need for repeated samples in order that changes in quality, processing, etc., may be detected. It was agreed that considerations of secrecy in the program should be subordinated to getting it onto a really continuous basis.

c. Economic organization of the Government: Needs revision (NSCID 15) so that primary responsibility for Soviet bloc economic intelligence is charged directly to CIA, leaving the other agencies sufficient resources to criticize and make special evaluations of interest to them. To this end the EIC Chairman should be given the equivalent powers in his field of the Director of Central Intelligence, preserving to other agencies the right of noting dissent.

The detailed formal report was being dictated and will be ready by Tuesday. Following these recommendations and the discussion thereof, meeting considered the substance of the Soviet threat. [redacted] gave O/SI's views on the technical competence and training programs, and a wide-ranging discussion of great interest was held leading to thoroughly pessimistic conclusions for the long range.

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3. Lunched with [redacted] (a classmate of Becker's who wished to be remembered to him), they pointed out that the visit had been well worthwhile, but that the agenda had been much too onerous and that all would have profited by having essential documents furnished [redacted] several weeks in advance so that some preparation could have been undertaken by the participants.

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