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Subject: The Phosphorus Industry in the Soviet Bloc

Statement of Project

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Problem: To determine the location and production of phosphorus plants in the Soviet Bloc.

Scope: This paper will study the location of plants capable of producing white phosphorus, their production capacities, and the availability of essential equipment. Production of white phosphorus is of great importance as it is a major raw material for the production of nerve gases and is used in large quantities for the production of chemical smoke, incendiaries, and other essential war products.

Internal CIA Contributions or Coordination: D/S, data on the location of electric power plants with capacity to supply the large requirements of phosphorus plants for electricity; OSI, scientific and technical data on special phosphorus products.

External Contributions or Coordination: Department of the Army (Chemical Corps).

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Outline: Draft outline to be discussed with D/R and other divisions concerned. Agreed outline to be distributed by D/R.

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