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SUBJECT: Review of policies and programs with respect to such U.S. international economic activities as may affect the war potential of the Soviet bloc.

Attached is a copy of a preliminary draft of the proposed report from the Secretary of State to the President in response to the President's letter of December 28, 1950.

As indicated, this is merely a preliminary draft and it has not been cleared within the State Department. There will doubtless be many over-lappings and omissions. The body of the report as well as the conclusions and recommendations require considerable re-working. In this process, an effort will be made to shorten it and to relate the report more fully to the analytical study prepared by the E.C.A.

This copy is submitted to you for your informal comments and suggestions. The tight time schedule makes it impracticable to seek approval from all departments and agencies concerned. Your informal comments and suggestions, however, will be most helpful to us in preparing the final report.

I shall be most grateful if you can let me have your comments and suggestions at the earliest possible moment, and in any event before the close of business on Tuesday, January 30.

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