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ATTACHMENT II

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SOVIET TRADE TACTICS

In the light of the current expansion as compared with recent low levels of trade between the Soviet Bloc and the Free World, it is suggested that the Consultative Group should devote increased attention to any changes in the tactics of the Soviet bloc in East-West trade generally, in order to take account of developments likely to affect the operation of the strategic export controls. Provided the discussions on these broader subjects are restricted to their relationship with the strategic controls, no amendments to the terms of reference of the Group will be required. It is suggested specifically:-

- (1) that from time to time the Consultative Group should arrange a discussion on Soviet trading tactics and their effect on strategic controls, in the light of the experience of the various participating countries.
- (2) that members should provide more regular information on Soviet attempts to obtain strategic goods, directly or indirectly, and on other aspects of Soviet trade which may affect trade in such goods.
- (3) that members should feel free to present information concerning trade between non-participating countries and the Soviet bloc, particularly information concerning trade in strategic goods, and to request a discussion.

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