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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Current Soviet Policy

1. The attached paper examines the patterns of Soviet policy since Stalin's death in the light of the additional evidence which has become available since NIE's 90 and 95 were published. * The paper represents the views of O/NE, O/CI, and O/RR.

2. This paper does not change the estimates of NIE's 90 and 95 in any fundamental way. The new evidence does make it possible, however, to be much more definite on various important aspects of Soviet policy than was possible last summer, when NIE's 90 and 95 were written.

3. The views expressed in the attached paper have not been approved by the IAC agencies, and we anticipate some controversy on the paragraphs dealing with economic policy. It is the intention of the Board to make some informal inquiries into the possibility and desirability of producing a fully coordinated IAC estimate along the lines of the attached paper.

* NIE-90: "Soviet Bloc Capabilities through Mid-1955," published 18 August 1953; and NIE-95: "Probable Soviet Bloc Courses of Action through Mid-1955," published 25 September 1953.

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