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SUBCOMMITTEE ON SHIPBUILDING
OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C.
19 September 1960

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We are pleased that you [redacted] will represent [redacted] at the [redacted] to be held in Washington, D.C., 31 October and 1 and 2 November 1960. This letter is written to facilitate the proceedings of the conference and to suggest an area for discussion that should be of interest to the conference. Any expansion of this area that you should care to make will be most welcome.

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Transmitted with this letter is a copy of the agenda for [redacted] conference and a copy of the Tentative Estimate of Production of Naval and Merchant Vessels in the USSR, 1959, 1960, and 1961.

According to the agenda, either you or [redacted] will lead the [redacted] discussion on the construction in the USSR of destroyers and escorts and report on the status of uncompleted cruisers. Also, you are to lead the discussion on construction in the European Satellites of all types of naval vessels for the years 1959 and 1960. It is suggested that the scope of your presentation include any pertinent characteristics that will add to the intelligence community's knowledge of the individual class of vessel under your review. It would be of interest to give the name of the shipyard building the vessel and the year in which the first vessel of the class was completed, estimated production in 1959 and 1960, and the estimated total number to be completed by the end of 1960. It would also be of interest to discuss the current amount of time required to build a vessel of each class and if any advanced techniques were used in the construction and any unusual problems encountered. An evaluation of the trends in the design and construction of the types of naval vessels under your review will be of exceptional value.

In order to facilitate the recording of conference minutes, it is requested that either you or [redacted] hand the conference secretary at the

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beginning of your presentation a typed copy, double spaced, of your report. The secretary then will add to your report pertinent comments made by other delegates during the conference.

The Tentative Estimate of Soviet Ship Production, transmitted herewith, is based on intelligence available up to 1 August. This estimate is subject to revision by later intelligence and the conclusions of both [redacted] [redacted] It is sent to you for your information, and your comments will be appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Executive Secretary
Shipbuilding Subcommittee
Economic Intelligence Committee

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2 Enclosures:

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1 - Agenda for [redacted]

2 - Tentative Estimate of Production of Naval and Merchant Vessels in the USSR, 1973, 1974, and 1975. [redacted] [redacted] 10 En. 0289/02, Copy No. 17

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