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Transmittal of an ORR analysis of the 1954 Soviet Budget (IM-401) to the U. S. Embassy, Moscow.

1. The Office of Research and Reports at the specific request of the Department of State, and in behalf of the EIC, has developed an intensive guidance program for the purpose of making more effective the economic reporting from United States Missions in the Soviet Bloc. As a part of this program the Department of State, in cooperation with CIA/RR and other IAC agencies, prepared a Guide to Economic Reporting USSR, April 30, 1953 for the Embassy in Moscow. This instruction states, in part, that:

"...analytical reporting by the Embassy is not ruled out, but the Embassy should avoid doing research and analysis involving material and information which is available to Washington. Washington agencies have better facilities for doing this work. As the Embassy receives copies of the reports prepared in Washington, one of its most valuable contributions should be the filling of serious gaps in the informational content of such reports...in cases where the Embassy is in disagreement with Washington analysis a dissenting despatch should be submitted."

2. Ambassador Bohlen has assigned an officer at the Embassy to analyze the budget and related information for his own use. If the referenced Intelligence Memorandum were available in the Embassy it would be of direct value to the Ambassador and permit reporting officers to spend more time reporting factual information which ORR analysts require for research in Washington, and which is not available from other sources.

3. For the use of the Embassy, the report need not be identified as originating in CIA and any restrictions on its use (by foreigners, etc) can be included in a covering instruction. Any sensitive source can be removed but it is noted that of over 76 referenced sources only 7 are classified sources. These include previous ORR reports, a Rand project, a Department of State (OIR) report which is available in Moscow and State despatches written in Moscow.

4. In view of the above, it is requested that 4 copies of CIA/RR IM-401, 15 November 1954 (S) be made available to IAD, Department of State for transmittal to U. S. Embassy Moscow.

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