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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
SUBJECT : Soviet Bloc Trade in Machinery with Latin America  
REFERENCE : [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. Your assistance is requested in providing unclassified information in response to the following questions regarding trade in machinery between the Soviet Bloc and Latin American countries:

a. What Latin American countries are importing machinery from the Soviet bloc? (Limit to names of countries that have imported machinery of any kind in the last five years.)

b. What countries of the Soviet bloc are exporting machinery to Latin America? (Again, all that is desired here is a list of the countries that exported to Latin America during the last five years.)


c. What machinery is involved? (Indicate the principal categories only: agricultural, textile, construction, etc. If possible, indicate whether the prices and quality of items in the several general categories are lower, higher, or approximately equal to prices and quality of similar items from non-Soviet bloc sources.)

d. Have trade missions visited Latin America to publicize and sell the machinery? (Simply list the trade missions that have visited Latin America from approximately 1950 to date, the names of mission personnel if available, and the country or countries in Latin America visited by each mission, *with date of visit*)

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2. We are also asking OCR to check the Department of Commerce for available information pertaining to the above.

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3. Any questions pertaining to this request should be referred to  on extension 8641.

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