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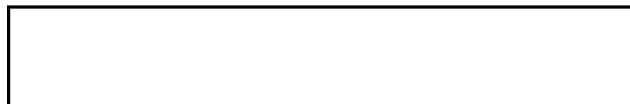
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Curtailment of CIA Support to Library  
of Congress Indexes

1. Attached is the CIA plan for cutting back its support of the Library of Congress Monthly Index of Russian Accessions (MIRA) and East European Accessions Index (EEAI). Considering it desirable to keep the USIB informed of curtailment of or changes in major information processing projects, the attached will be transmitted to the USIB for information after CODIB has acted.

2. This proposal will be considered at the next CODIB meeting.



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Attachment

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1. The Library of Congress Monthly Index of Russian Accessions (MIRA), issued since 1948, is a comprehensive record of post-World War II Soviet publications in all fields of knowledge received by the Library of Congress and some 200 other major libraries of the U.S. The East European Accessions Index (EEAI), published by the Library of Congress since 1952, lists post-World War II receipts by it and over 100 major libraries of the U.S. from East European countries. (See attached descriptive brochure for each Index.)

2. CIA took over the sole financial support of the MIRA in 1952 because of the importance to intelligence of maintaining this publication at the time. One of the by-products of the support was the biographic cards which form a basic part of the Biographic Register files in CIA, identifying authors of articles as to place and type of research. CIA began support of the EEA in Fiscal Year 1959. Although some financial support also was provided for the preparation of the Indexes in Fiscal Years 1960 and 1961 by NSF, AEC, and NASA, CIA no longer can justify major support under present conditions.

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3. The purpose of this paper is to alert the intelligence community to proposed curtailment action by CIA, and to furnish background information that may be useful in determining a course for future action.

4. The cost to CIA for the first year of support to the MIRA (1952) was \$87,845, increasing to \$402,100 in FY 61; additionally \$15,000 from NSF, \$10,000 from AEC, and \$25,000 from NASA was required in FY 61 to support the project. TAB A reflects the growth in coverage of the MIRA.

5. Costs for CIA support to the EEAI were \$254,154 in FY 59, rising to \$282,600 for FY 61, plus \$51,000 from the National Science Foundation. TAB B reflects the growth of the EEAI.

6. Comments on the utility and essentiality of both publications to the work of CODIB members were requested. In summary, MIRA is considered valuable by AEC, Army (willing to consider some funding), Navy, NSA, and parts of Air Force and CIA. There is strong preference for a continuation of a modified MIRA over EEAI. With regard to the EEAI, AEC values it, Air Force, Army, Navy, NSA and CIA have marginal interest in its continuation. The State Department would not be hurt were both publications discontinued. DOD, FBI and JCS are not primary users of the publications. The National Science Foundation sponsored a survey of the use made of the

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two Indexes by 120 organizations within a 300 mile radius of Washington which buttressed their original decision not to support EEAI, and has caused them to reconsider support of MIRA.

7. Intelligence needs for the two Indexes have changed. As the primary users have become more sophisticated, they have depended to an increasing extent on original source material. There is some library demand for continuation of the EEAI, but research use is negligible. The MIRA should be adapted to meet changing requirements. For example, the biographic cards have grown in importance from a by-product of the publications to the most valuable part of the projects for CIA and it plans to continue support of this aspect.

8. Two basic points should be considered before a decision is reached regarding the future of the two Indexes:

If the two publications were to cease entirely, a) what would be the effect on the academic community in general and contractors specifically, and b) what would the agencies now relying on the Indexes be required to spend for the issuance of their own accessions lists. We suspect that demand for such lists would probably come from the very researchers who are now apathetic with regard to the continuation of the Library of Congress publications.

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**Alternatives to these Indexes would be less professionally competent, and far less comprehensive.**

**9. In view of our findings and our prospective requirements, CIA plans the following action affecting MIRA and EEAI:**

- a. To phase out the EEAI as rapidly as it is reasonable for the Library of Congress to do so.**
- b. Maintain the support of MIRA for FY 62 in order to enable the National Science Foundation to define the requirements of the American scientific community for bibliographic services on Soviet scientific publications, and to permit the Library of Congress to adjust to a possible change in the present publication.**
- c. Continue CIA support to the Library of Congress for the preparation of the biographic cards on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. We will also examine the feasibility of cooperation with other intelligence agencies on this project, particularly in view of Air Force requirements for bibliographic information now met by LC's Air Information Division.**

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## MONOGRAPHS AND PERIODICAL ISSUES LISTED IN MONTHLY LIST OF RUSSIAN ACCESSIONS

## Volume 1 - Volume 13

	Monographs	Periodical issues	Periodical titles	Periodical articles & monographs indexed	Number of pages
Vol. 1 (1948/49)	3,999	2,313	333	-	672
Vol. 2 (1949/50)	5,456	2,574	368	-	803
Vol. 3 (1950/51)	6,971	2,461	392	-	901
Vol. 4 (1951/52)	5,611	2,941	586	-	935
Vol. 5 (1952/53)	4,710	2,839	501	64,703	2,026
Vol. 6 (1953/54)	4,879	4,054	720	77,830	2,337
Vol. 7 (1954/55)	7,276	3,697	708	75,519	2,060
Vol. 8 (1955/56)	9,368	6,399	811	85,395	2,006
Vol. 9 (1956/57)	11,079	8,918	1,148	137,797	2,970
Vol. 10 (1957/58)	11,209	8,608	1,348	170,098	3,455
Vol. 11 (1958/59)	12,212	8,929	1,342	189,338	3,932
Vol. 12 (1959/60)	11,378	8,563	1,466	175,637	3,488
Vol. 13 (1960/61)	15,461	11,642	1,702	225,830	3,935

## MONOGRAPHS AND PERIODICAL ISSUES LIST IN THE EAST EUROPEAN ACCESSIONS INDEX

TAB B

	Monographs Translated	Periodical Issues Listed	Periodical Issues with Contents Translated	Periodical Articles and Monographs Indexed (Entries in Subject Index)	Total Pages per Volume	Average Number of Pages per Issue
Vol. 1 (1951-1952)	----	----	----	----	879	62
Vol. 2 (1953)	3,155	8,183	2,349	56,533	1,428	129
Vol. 3 (1954)	4,992	13,487	5,198	136,678	2,126	177
Vol. 4 (1955)	6,128	17,192	6,216	148,742	2,355	196
Vol. 5 (1956)	7,160	27,861	7,172	106,959	2,560	213
Vol. 6 (1957)	6,975	27,233	7,935	135,664	3,092	257
Vol. 7 (1958)	7,735	28,067	8,051	140,772	3,282	273
Vol. 8 (1959)	8,686	33,732	8,198	136,271	3,339	278
Vol. 9 (1960)	8,623	35,765	8,627	145,223	3,534	294