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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Production on USSR, April 1972 - April 1973

1. A review of recent nonperiodic publications by CIA, DIA and INR on Soviet military and political topics indicates that there is no major problem of inappropriate production. More than half the products reviewed were judged to be from the "most appropriate" producer. With only 10 debatable exceptions, the remaining products were listed as "appropriate".

2. According to this evaluation, INR's only inappropriate item consisted of a December 1972 short memorandum on problems connected with the Soviet manned space program (either CIA or DIA would have been appropriate); DIA's only inappropriate item was an April 1973 paper on nuclear control of a runaway gas well; CIA would have been the "most appropriate" producer. CIA's ⁸eight inappropriate items, all military-related, are listed below without separate classification. The reviewer feels that it would have been better had DIA produced these eight, but recognizes there is room for argument:

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Soviet Naval Operations Off West Africa []	25X1A
Protective Construction for Aircraft at Soviet Military Airfields []	
Soviet Antisubmarine Warfare: Current Capabilities & Priorities []	
Soviet Naval Air Strike Capability in Egypt []	25X1A
Soviet Tactical Air Defense: Deployment of the SA-6 with Ground Divisions []	25X1A
Soviet Capabilities to Counter U.S. Aircraft Carriers []	25X1A
Peacetime Posture of Warsaw Pact Ground Force Divisions Facing the NATO Central Region []	25X1A
Soviet Air Defense Interceptors: Plans for Dispersal []	25X1A

3. A subject for possible further inquiry concerns the amount of duplication implied in the "appropriate" category. Nearly all items on military topics, whether CIA or DIA produced, were so labeled. Nearly all items dealing with Soviet foreign policy, whether INR or CIA produced, were labeled "appropriate".

4. The dividing line between "most appropriate" and "appropriate" is not rigid; it is best illustrated by example. INR's November 1972 piece concerning "Soviet Analysis of US-East European Policy: A Combination of Optimism and Misgiving" was listed in the "most appropriate" category because State Department presumably is in the best position to define US-East European policy. An INR piece of December 1972 dealing with a Soviet View of Europe's Future was labeled "appropriate" because the subject falls within CIA's competence as well. Similarly, CIA's June 1972 memorandum on Forced Labor Camps and Prisons was considered "most appropriate", whereas a November 1972 study of an SS-11 warhead container was labeled "appropriate" (DIA

could have addressed the subject as well). DIA's September 1972 study of ABM Command and Control was labeled "most appropriate", whereas a May 1972 study of Missile and Space Vehicle Guidance and Control was called "appropriate" (it would also have been "appropriate" had CIA produced it).

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5. For comparative purposes, more than items of periodic intelligence on the USSR were published during the same time. An examination of the titles of these items indicates not only that CIA was the major producer, but that virtually no topic of importance addressed by INR and DIA was not also covered in either the Central Intelligence Bulletin or in some exclusively CIA publication. At the same time, DIA addressed many topics of purely political interest in its periodic publications. Duplication of effort in the Soviet area seems to be more characteristic of periodic than nonperiodic intelligence.

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