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MEMORANDUM FOR: The EIC Secretariat

FROM : Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis (EIC/GEA/SC)

SUBJECT : Annual Report on the Activities of the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis for Fiscal Year 1967

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year 1967

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's Field of Competence

None.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

None.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

None.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

(a) The Subcommittee reviewed and, on 28 February 1967, registered "no objection" to a proposed ACDA-sponsored study of the Fiscal-Financial Systems of Eastern Europe, to be undertaken at

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(b) The Subcommittee reviewed and, on 11 May 1967, registered "no objection" to a proposed extension, with a new contract, of the CIA-sponsored external research on The Structure and Growth of the Economies of Eastern Europe, underway at

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(c) The Subcommittee reviewed and, on 11 May 1967, registered "no objection" to a proposed State-sponsored project on Political Implications of Alternative Soviet Military and Economic Programs, to be undertaken at

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5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

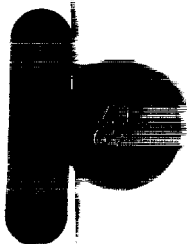
None.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC.

None.

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7. Intelligence Research Techniques

None.

8. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

None.

9. Meetings on Current Economic Policy Developments in Communist Countries

Toward the end of FY 1966, the activities of the Subcommittee were expanded to include a series of meetings on current economic policy developments in Communist countries. The first of these meetings -- on Communist China -- was held on 29 June 1966. Three more meetings were held in FY 1967: on Yugoslavia, 23 November 1966; on the USSR, 3 May 1967; and on Czechoslovakia, 28 June 1967. An average of about 25 persons attended these meetings. The format of the meetings was: (a) presentation of a short background paper by a senior analyst in the field; (b) comments by each subcommittee member in turn; and (c) general discussion.

10. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee serves a useful function in its ability to evaluate proposals for external economic research on an ad hoc basis. It also provides a formal mechanism through which the community can undertake coordination of certain economic activities such as exchange proposals, NIE post mortems, etc. As for the series of meetings on current economic policy developments in Communist countries, the subcommittee feels that the meetings have led to some lively and enlightening exchanges. Any further extension of activities by the Subcommittee, however, should be carefully weighed in the light of the very high "opportunity cost" of the members' time.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee intends to pursue its present course. The series of discussion meetings described above will be continued for at least the next fiscal year.

C. Change in Membership

Effective 13 June 1967, Michael C. Kenney, Jr. replaced William C. Andrews as Department of the Army member of the Subcommittee.

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