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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Working Group on Aid and Trade Activities of Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas of the Free World

REFERENCE: Summary of Discussion at Meeting of 11 January 1966 and Proposed Plan of Action, para. 5

1. Referenced document notes a proposal that the Standing Working Group on Aid and Trade Activities of Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas of the Free World be made into a Subcommittee of the EIC.

2. This Working Group was established in February 1956 for the purpose of assembling and producing coordinated intelligence from all sources on Communist economic activities pertaining to underdeveloped areas.

3. Since this group has a specific production responsibility and is not a committee in the traditional sense, the Chairman proposes to have it remain as a Working Group unless members have some reasons for re-establishing it as a Subcommittee of the EIC.

4. The Terms of Reference (attached) have now been in effect for 10 years and it would seem appropriate at this time to ask the Working Group to draft a revision for submission to the EIC.

5. This item is scheduled for discussion at the forthcoming meeting on 30 March 1966.

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