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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT:

NSC Embargo Follow-on Request

1. This is our analysis supporting the NSC's request for a list of items to be considered in any expansion of US government measures to embargo technology and end-products to the Soviet Union.

2. If the President's embargo is expanded, it probably should include the items listed in Table 1. We must note, how 5X1 ever, that unilateral USG actions on these items likely will have only marginal effects on the Soviet Union in general.

3. The President may wish to consider an even greater expansion of the embargo, encompassing other USG actions to curtail Soviet-American interactions. Some suggested action-areas are listed in Table 2.

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Table 1: The Effect of Further Trade Restrictions on Selected Technologies and End-Products

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Technology or End-Product		Effect*		Remarks
	1	us	US/Allies	
Grain		Small	Substantial	Even if replaced by foreign suppliers, the US action probably would raise Soviet costs and strain Soviet hard currency reserves. Given poor Soviet and world harvests, unilateral USG action could exacerbate Soviet food shortages.
				Allied action could cut Soviet grain imports by 70%.
Agricultural Machinery		Moderate	Substantial	US action would inhibit long-term Soviet drive for self-sufficiency.
combinestractors		/		Allied action would further inhibit this drive.
Microelectronics • polysilicon • printed circuit		Moderate	Substantial	Legal acquisitions, coupled with illegal ones, have given the Soviets an entire industry.
boards • test equipment			•	US actions would slow Soviet advances. Allied action would substantially retard Soviet advances.

* In increasing order of magnitude, from Small through Moderate to Substantial

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Chemicals US and/or Allied action would affect Moderate Moderate Soviet agricultural productivity. fertilizer pesticides Oil and gas equipment/technology Allied action would reduce expected Small Substantial Soviet oil and gas recovery by 2 or 3 million barrels per day by late 1980s. submersibles off-shore rigs drill bits and pipe pipeline equipment, including compressors recovery chemicals Non-US equipment is widely available. Construction equipment/materials Small Substantial large-diameter pipe Allied action would cause severe disruptions in machine building and gas rolled steel bulldozers/excavators/ transmission. dumpsters Materials Small Substantial Allied action would inhibit advanced Soviet work. ceramics composites/powders special steel alloys Computers US action would be reduced by foreign availability. Small Substantial software large-frame minis

peripherals

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Small

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Machinery*

- NC/CNC/robotics
- CAD/CAM mills/foundries/fabrication
- precision machinery

Shipbuilding

- floating drydocks heavy-lift cranes
- NC:
- numerically controlled computer numerically controlled computer-aided design computer-aided manufacture CNC: CAD: CAM:

Non-US suppliers are numerous. Small Substantial

Substantial

Allied action would seriously hamper Soviet efforts to boost quality/quantity in production.

Allied action would curtail Soviet naval construction and repair capabilities. Approved For Release 2007/02/20 : CIA-RDP83M00914R000500060017-7

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Table 2: Related USG Sanctions

Technology/action

- Total cut-off of export credits, including retroactive action on outstanding credit
- 2. Terminate maritime agreement
- 3. Terminate fishing agreement
- Reduce Soviet commercial presence
- Eliminate all S&T* agreements (including Article 4 exchanges of technical data with US firms) not up for renewal in short-run, including "unofficial" exchanges (e.g., direct university-Academy exchanges, Fulbright Scholars, etc.)

Impact

Forces Soviets to pay scarce hard currency and/or compete for market rates

Shipping and cross-trading with and by Soviets would increase their costs and reduce hard currency earnings

Deprives Soviets access to fertile grounds and would cut Soviet protein consumption

Reduces Soviet presence and would limit intelligence service (IS) uses /

Cuts off direct Soviet access to US academies and business

Foreign availability

Europeans and Japanese already offer "below prime" rates <u>but</u> increased Soviet demand may increase cost of borrowing

Allies have stronger flagshipping requirements and the Soviet fleet would not encroach on their markets

World fisheries are already strained; may cause friction with allied competitors

Soviets would probably shift commercial activities to allies

Allies have such agreements and Soviets are strengthening

Commentary

Now suspended by US only

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An easy, low-cost action--if we trade less, they don't need commercial offices

These generally are of one-way benefit to Soviets and are very difficult to monitor--no loss to USG

^{*}See Appendix

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- Reduce or eliminate US participation in trade shows attended by Soviets, and restrict sales presentations, and industry tours
- Reduce or eliminate US presence in international organizations (e.g., IIASA, UNDP) with large Soviet presence
- Eliminate Soviet access to USG open source documents (NTIS, Library of Congress)
- Regulated activities of Soviet-owned, US-chartered companies
- Restrict imports of Sovietorigin goods

Cuts Soviets off from personnel relations with US firms and state-of-theart technology and reduces IS involvement

Cuts Soviets off from close contacts with US experts and reduces IS involvement

Would restrict Soviet access to USG-sponsored research

Would weaken Soviet commercial presence, and use of same for IS related activities

Damages Soviet prestige and may crimp somewhat Soviet hard-currency earnings Allies could and probably would pick up slack

Allies may pick up tab, but not likely

Some agreements with Allies (e.g., British library) must be altered

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Reduces the risk of theft, inadvertent losses of know-how and design processes, and IS recruitment/assessment threat

A rather simple way of restricting US "subsidies" to Soviets, but may cause problems in multilateral contexts (e.g., UN)

Would probably require legal action, but well worthwhile in any event

Mostly symbolic, as we don't import a great deal

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Appendix: US-USSR BILATERAL TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS

Name_	Date for Renewal	Notification_
Science & Technology	July 8, 1982	
Agriculture	June 19, <u>1</u> 983	By Dec. 1982
Artificial Heart Research & Development	June 28, 1987	- - -
Atomic Energy	June 21, 1983	-
Energy	June 28, 1982	30 day advance
Environmental Pro- tection	May 23, 1987	-
Housing and Con- struction	June 28, 1984	By Dec. 1983
Medical Science and Public Health	May 23, 1987	-
Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes	May 24, 1982	<u>-</u>
Transportation	June 19, 1983	-
Studies of the World Ocean	Dec. 15, 1986	- .

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