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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert McFarlane
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Soviet Forced Labor

Bud:

Pursuant to our discussion, here is information we have on Soviet forced labor for possible use in the President's Labor Day speech.

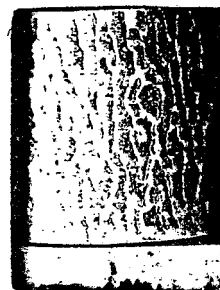
Seems to me the points that might be used are:

1. More than four million Soviet citizens are now serving sentences at forced labor, 1.5% of the population. That would amount to a considerably larger portion of their work force. That's about 3% of the Soviet work force.
2. There seems little doubt that they are employed wherever labor shortages exist, i.e., where the location is remote, amenities lacking, the environment hostile, or the work hazardous or unhealthy.

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