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SUBJECT

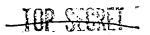
Cost of Construction of Facilities Built in Support of the Soviet Build Up of Forces

in the China Border Area

- 1. This memorandum was prepared at the request JSR/PA/C in support of current OSR work on the China porquer regions of the USSR. Approximately 25 hours were spent in the preparation of this report.
- 2. From 1966 a steady build up of forces has been under way in the China Border regions of the USSR. These regions are contained in the Central Asian, Turkestan, Siberian, Transbaikal and Far Eastern military districts. Extensive permanent and semipermanent facilities have been constructed in support of the new forces including: barracks and support areas, general storage depots, POL depots, and ammunition and explosives depots. The costs of construction of such facilities built since I January 1966 are shown below.

Facility	Million Rubles	Million Dollars
Barracks and Support Areas General Storage Depots' POL Depots Ammunition and Explosives	98.6 89.9 15.2	197.2 179.8 30.4
Depots	138.8	<u>277.6</u>
Total	342.5	685.0

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- 3. The estimated costs of construction include only "bricks and mortar" work and the installation of utilities (heat, water, sewer and electricity). The cost estimates are considered accurate within plus or minus 20 percent.
- 4. The estimates made in this report are preliminary and are based on a study of a small sample of the facilities involved. Building sizes and types are averages derived from the sample and unit costs are averages for the entire area. IS/CST has surveyed the data available and feels that sufficient data are available for a detailed report which would be much more accurate and of value to CSR in future military costing efforts.