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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Soviet Licensing of Aircraft Production

1. We have no study of available information on Soviet policy with respect to licensing for the production of Soviet aircraft in other countries. We also are interested in knowing whether a country, particularly China, is given all of the blueprints and information required for production.

2. We discussed the problem with Factory Markings and reviewed the available data on Polish and Czechoslovakian produced Mig-15 aircraft, as well as the Chinese An-2. The USSR apparently supplied much of the electronic equipment for both the Polish and the Czech aircraft; the aircraft appeared of Satellite manufacture. The Chinese, on the other hand, supplied most of their own electronics for the aircraft. Should you like a list of specific items of Soviet manufacture on the pertinent aircraft, we will be glad to send them.

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4. Our estimate regarding Soviet franchise for aircraft production is similar to yours. We feel that USSR probably maintains a degree of dependency upon the licensing country by holding back an unspecified percentage of critical components. Certainly the marked decline in Chinese Communist aircraft production after 1960

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was in part due to the lack of Soviet assistance, either in technicians or in the supply of components. Unfortunately we can't specify the parts or the percentage of components which were held back.

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