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Soviet Aircraft Estimates

1. In response to your telephone request of this morning the following information is submitted.

Soviet Aircraft Assigned to Operational Units

Fighters		8,000
Conventional	5,030	
Jet	290	
Ground Attack		3,000
Medium Bombers (B-29 type)	180	
Light Bombers	5,880	
Other	1,000	
		14,000*

*Does not include the estimated 5,000 aircraft of the Civil Air Fleet, or the 400 aircraft of the MVD air force.

2. It is estimated that the USSR has a reserve of military aircraft at least equal to the number in operational units.

3. While there are no available statistics on Soviet aircraft production, it is estimated that the USSR produced approximately 7,000 military and 6,000 commercial aircraft in 1947.

Current estimates of production are (a) jet fighters: 150 - 200 per month and (b) medium bombers (B-29 type): 100 per month.

4. Estimated Maximum Soviet Aircraft Strength (capable of military use)

	<u>End 1952</u>
Conventional Fighters	8,000
Jet Interceptors	30,000
Ground Attack	10,000
Light Bombers	7,500
Medium Bombers	10,000
Reconnaissance	2,500
Trainers	6,000

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Transports	8,500
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500</u>
Total	85,000

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