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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT:

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BY LS NARA, DATE 10/3/05

Information Items

Soviet Industrial Production: According to statistics on Soviet economic activity in 1976, released recently by the USSR, Soviet industrial production rose by 4.8 percent, somewhat higher than the 4.3 percent called for in the 1976 plan. The target for industrial labor productivity, however, was slightly underfulfilled, with output per worker rising by 3.3 percent instead of 3.4 percent, as laid down in the plan. The rise in industrial output was considerably lower this past year than in 1975, when it rose by 7.5 percent. The effect of Moscow's poor agricultural performance in 1975 appears to have been a major contributor to the slowdown. Industrial production in 1977 is scheduled to grow by 5.6 percent, faster than in 1976 but still slower than the average annual rate of growth required to fulfill the 1980 target set by the tenth five-year plan.

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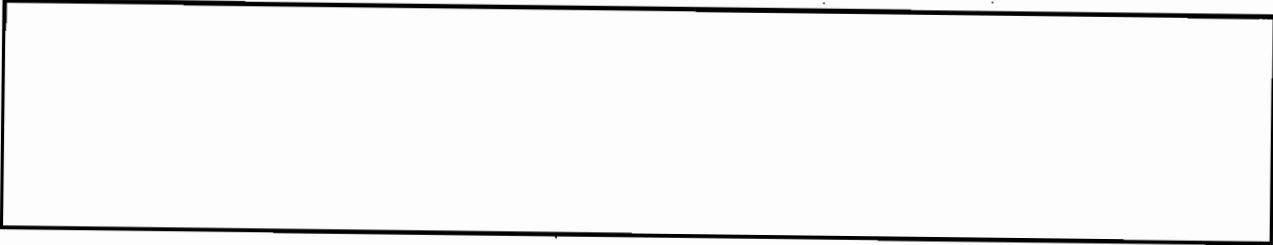
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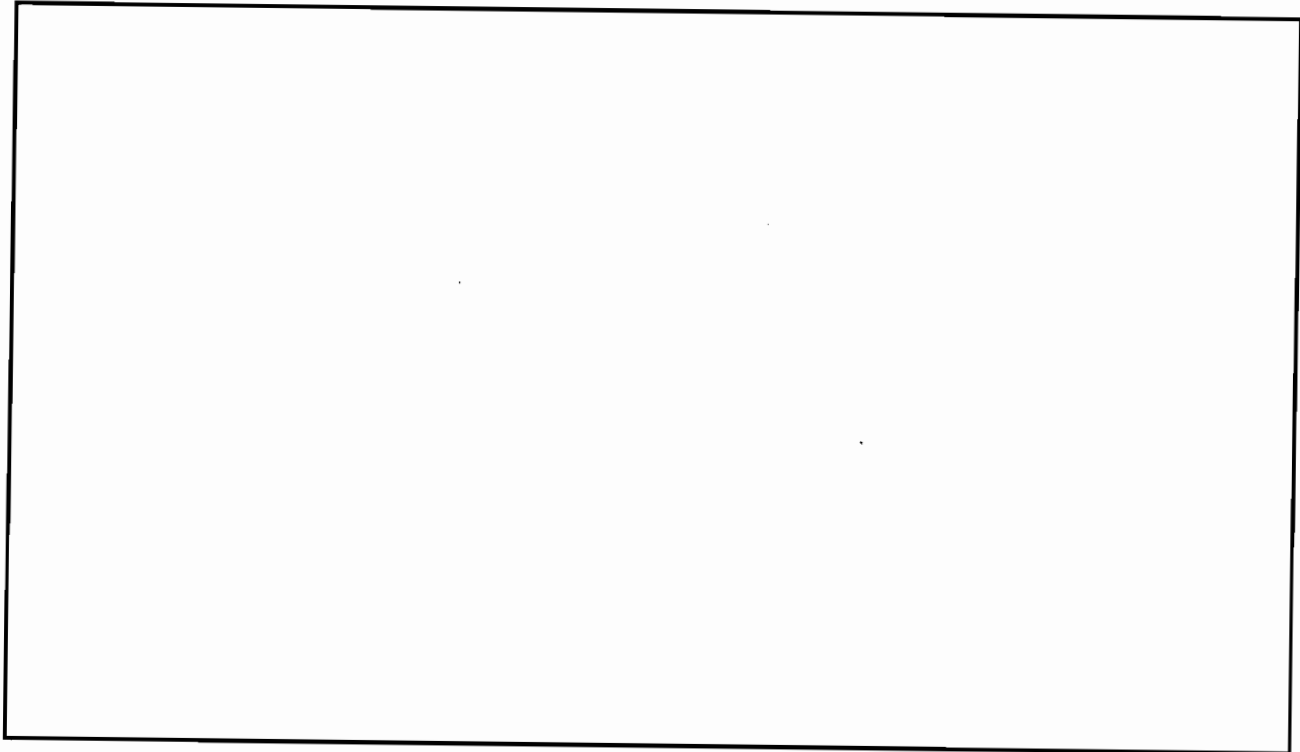
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Somali Concern Over Soviet Military Ties with Ethiopia: There are growing indications of strong Somali resentment over the reported Soviet arms deal with Ethiopia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] news of the deal caused high level Somali officials to consider ousting Soviet military advisers from Somalia. Embassy Mogadiscio reports that the Somali military is upset by an alleged halt in Soviet deliveries of heavy weaponry, as well as by Soviet demands for cash payments for POL deliveries hitherto supplied gratis. In response, the Somalis are trying to broaden their arms sources by approaching Yugoslavia, India and Turkey. Clearly, the Somalis are outraged over the Soviet arms deal with Ethiopia - although there is evidence that they have anticipated it for at least six months. But the State Department doubts that they would expel the Soviets so long as they lack alternative

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suppliers and see promising opportunities to recover their "lost territories" in the French Territory of Afars and Issas (FTAI) and the Ogaden region of Ethiopia. Somali demarches to the Arabs are designed both to remind Moscow that alternative foreign policy options exist (even though the Arabs would not be as satisfactory arms suppliers as the Soviets) and to garner Arab support for the Somali dispute with Ethiopia over the FTAI, that until now has been ambivalent or completely lacking.

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