Approved For Release 2003/05/06 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500060038-2

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

Executive Registry
65-1702

S-2085/AP-2E

29 MAR 1965

SUBJECT: (U) Proposed Soviet Military Research and Development Estimate

TO: Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

1. An integral part of the Department of Defense requirements for long term estimates of the Soviet military establishment is a similarly long term assessment of the scope and direction of Soviet military research and development.

2. There is at present no NIE specifically addressed to Soviet military research and development. The last national estimate of any scope dealing with the subject was prepared in 1959 (NIE 11-6-59, "Soviet Science and Technology"). Although this NIE was updated in 1962 (NIE 11-6-62, "Trends in Soviet Science and Technology"), the treatment was extremely brief and the "broad brush" approach was applied to all aspects of Soviet science and technology rather than focusing on that segment directly supporting military programs. As a result, there is no national estimate in existence which is specifically tailored to the requirements of the DOD and the Services and, more particularly, to the Service research and development commands and agencies.

3. Admittedly, the requirement for a long term estimate on this subject is particularly related to the needs of the Department of Defense. At the present time DIA, in collaboration with the Service technical intelligence agencies, is engaged in the preparation of a long range assessment of Soviet scientific and technical capabilities. This study is now scheduled for completion in August and should provide a basis for the DIA contribution to an NIE on Soviet military research and development.

4. I am aware that a SIC study on this subject is now planned, with a publication date early next year. Inputs for this study should also provide much of the data required for a national estimate and it may be possible to publish an NIE sooner than is now envisaged for the SIC study.

DIA review(s) completed.

DIA

Orig - one via DDCI & DCI

Approved For Release 2003/05/06 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500060038-2

SECRET

Approved For Release 2003/05/06 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500060038-2

5. I strongly urge that you refer this request to the Chairman, Board of National Estimates, for appropriate guidance in the preparation of a long term estimate on Soviet military research and development. The estimate should be scheduled for completion at the earliest practicable date that appropriate inputs can be prepared.

cc: Chairman, Board of
National Estimates

Approved For Release 2003/05/06 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000500060038-2