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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THRU: The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

SUBJECT: Procurement of Soviet MINSK-2 Digital Computer (S)

1. (S) This is to request that \$100,000 be provided to the Defense Intelligence Agency from the appropriation, Contingencies, Defense, for the procurement of a Soviet digital computer.

2. (S) An opportunity arose very suddenly to obtain a new Soviet MINSK-2 computer with associated equipment and spare parts. The MINSK-2 computer is a solid state, second generation digital computer, which went into production in 1962. The computer which we have an opportunity to procure is believed to have been built in 1964. The acquisition of this computer, which has been arranged through the Soviet Materiel Acquisition Staff of the Central Intelligence Agency, will provide an opportunity to add to our scant knowledge of the present Soviet state of the art and level of technology in the manufacture of digital computers.

3. (S) The Department of the Air Force has stated the requirement to obtain a Soviet computer. However, many defense elements have a need to know about the state of Soviet computer technology. The size of the cost of this acquisition in relation to the foreign materiel program and the fact that this is almost in the last quarter of this fiscal year, precludes the reprogramming of existing funds in time to take advantage of this opportunity.

4. (S) Dr. Fubini concurs in the proposal to take advantage of this unique opportunity to acquire a Soviet digital computer.

5. (S) The exploitation of the intelligence to be derived from this acquisition will be arranged by the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence. The information obtained will be made available to all elements of the Intelligence Community.

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