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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT : Rates of Compensation in the USSR

1. A study of economic statistics pertaining to the USSR indicates that the wages received by Soviet factory workers have tended to increase at a more rapid rate than have the salaries of some professional groups in recent years. However, the relationship of piecework rates to other rates of compensation in the USSR varies from industry to industry, area to area and time period to time period with no consistent pattern apparent.

2. These statistics also indicate that the average earnings of a Soviet industrial worker in 1960 were approximately \$100 per month.

  
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SUBJECT Financial Aid for Foreigners in the USSR

Regarding the granting of financial aid or subsidies to foreigners residing in the USSR, such practices are well documented. This is particularly true in the cases of foreigners who have come from countries having high standards of living. Salary supplements and lump-sum payments are often given to foreigners, and students from outside the Soviet Bloc usually receive a stipend at least double that paid to students from within the USSR or from other Bloc countries.

  
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