



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. On 15 October 1954, the Central Intelligence Agency received information from the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) that the Soviet Union had received a large quantity of surplus U.S. military equipment, including aircraft, tanks, and trucks, from the United States. This information was obtained from a source who had access to the records of the U.S. military equipment disposal program.

2. The source stated that the equipment was being transferred to the Soviet Union in violation of the terms of the 1947 Military Security Information Agreement (MSIA) between the United States and the Soviet Union. The MSIA prohibited the transfer of surplus military equipment to the Soviet Union without the express approval of the United States government.

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