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*Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, Joint Economic
Committee, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I submit herewith my report on a fact-finding trip, made in November 1961 on authorization of the subcommittee, to the U.S.S.R. and other parts of Eastern Europe.

In this report, I have attempted to (a) convey the substance of the extended conversations held with various Soviet bloc officials and Western diplomatic representatives in Moscow on the subject of East-West trade; and (b) record some of my personal reflections upon the present state of our trade relations with the Soviet bloc in particular.

I should like to avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation to the subcommittee and to you, Mr. Chairman, for the cooperation you have extended to me and for the assignment as my staff assistants for the duration of the trip of two such highly qualified experts to help me deal with the problems inherent in trading with Communist countries, namely Samuel Pissar, Esq., and Mr. Leon M. Herman.

Mr. Pissar, who is a public-spirited lawyer with extensive experience in the legal aspects of Soviet foreign trade, has been most helpful in working on the intricate problems that arise in the course of the commercial transactions between private enterprise economies and state trading nations. You will recall, his most recent public contribution in this field was the study, titled "A New Look at Trade Policy Toward the Communist Bloc," prepared for the subcommittee and issued as a joint committee print. For my own purposes, as related to this trip, I found Mr. Pissar's study most helpful in providing a well-balanced presentation of factual data and interpretation of the legal issues involved in the conduct of East-West trade.

Mr. Leon M. Herman, a specialist on the Soviet economy working with the Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, was most helpful as a technical consultant and in our investigations in the field. His expert knowledge of the subject of East-West trade is based on 20 years of service in this field with the U.S. Government, first, with the U.S. Department of Commerce and, since 1958, with the Library of Congress.

In addition to their close knowledge of the technical side of Soviet foreign trade, both of these specialists are fully conversant with the language, institutions, commercial history, and cultural environment of the U.S.S.R., and proved to be of invaluable assistance during our official interviews as well as in our briefing sessions.

Sincerely yours,

JACOB K. JAVITS.