FINAL REPORT:

CONFERENCE USING DATA FROM THE SOVIET INTERVIEW PROJECT

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SUBJECT: Soviet Interview Project
A Study Based on the Third Soviet Emigration

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I. CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The data from the first SIP General Survey (G1) have been available to the public (via the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) for approximately one year. In order to facilitate use of the SIP data in academic research and among government analysts, a "Conference Using Data from the Soviet Interview Project" was held June 27th through July 1st at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Funded through a separate contract with the National Council for Soviet and East European Research (NCSEER), the conference consisted of a series of working sessions in which SIP Research Team members instructed participants in the use of SIP demographic, social, economic, and political variables. The sessions consisted of both formal presentations by Research Team members and hands-on exercises developed by the Team to provide participants with the opportunity to work with the SIP data on the UIUC mainframe computer.

The substantive sessions were supplemented with SPSS-X training sessions conducted by Nancy Morrison, a professional trainer from SPSS, Inc. whose services were donated by Norman Nie, President, SPSS, Inc.
In addition to the sessions on the SIP general survey data, a day-long session was held focusing on the Military-Civilian Survey data, led by Professors William Zimmerman and Michael Berbaum.

The conference included a series of evening lectures attended by conference participants as well as the general public. Approximately 30 people attended each lecture.

Alex Inkeles, who directed the Harvard Refugee project of the 1950s, served as the guest speaker during a luncheon on the final day of the conference. In his presentation, "From Harvard to SIP: Using Emigrants and Refugees as Sources of Information," Professor Inkeles compared the two interview projects, both from methodological and substantive perspectives.

A conference program and a list of participants are attached to this report as Appendix A.

II. CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS

Preparations for the conference were handled at SIP headquarters. Twenty-eight individuals attended the conference, including nine government analysts and nineteen academic researchers. The latter group was chosen by a selection committee composed of the SIP Project Director and three members of the Research Team. The academic group included researchers from England, West Germany and France as well as all points in the United States. Among the academic participants were three researchers from the German Soviet Interview Project.
All participants received materials to assist them in preparing for the conference, including sections of the SIP Gl codebook (lists of variable names), an SPSS-X manual, the English version of the Gl questionnaire, the SIP working paper catalog, and a copy of "The Soviet Interview Project: History, Method and the Problem of Bias" by James R. Millar (SIP Working Paper Series, #22). Upon arriving in Urbana, participants received copies of the entire Gl codebook, as well as a manual to assist them in learning the particulars of the University of Illinois computer system.

Preparations for the Data Conference also included logistical arrangements for bringing the Gl and the Military-Civilian data tapes (two large data sets requiring a very large amount of disk space on the University's computer system) on-line and accessible to twenty-five users simultaneously. The arrangements involved extensive coordination between SIP headquarters, the UIUC's Computing Services Office, the SIP Data Management Center at Vanderbilt University, and Professor Michael Berbaum of Brandeis University (for the Military-Civilian data tape).

Housing, travel, stipend and visa arrangements for participants and Research Team members were handled by SIP headquarters with assistance from the UIUC Russian and East European Center. By "plugging into" the Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe, directed by Professor Marianna Tax Choldin, all conference participants received temporary UIUC faculty identification cards, which enabled them to utilize several campus facilities, including the University's
Slavic and East European Library and the campus recreational facilities. Participants were given the option of being housed at Illini Tower, a private dormitory that serves as the residence of the Summer Laboratory Associates, at no cost to the participants; others chose to stay at University Inn, a local hotel, at a rate subsidized by conference contract funds.

III. PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

The Conference Using Data from the Soviet Interview Project combined several formats into one five-day program. The combination of formal instruction, hands-on working sessions, and lectures provided conference participants with the opportunity not only to learn what information the SIP data tapes contain, but also to begin running statistical analyses using the data. The "total immersion" of working daily with the data while at the same time having access to the expertise of the SIP Research Team prepared participants to return to their home institutions and begin working with the data on their own. One participant commented that, without the conference, the amount of personal time and effort required to "tackle" the data on his own would have been a deterrent to using SIP data in his research and teaching.

Participants were asked to fill out questionnaires evaluating the conference from their perspective. Their responses were very positive. The questionnaires did pinpoint two weaknesses in the program. First, it would have been better to have SIP Research Team members participate throughout the conference rather than for just a day and a half. Second, more
stress needs to be placed on preparatory study by participants.

The success of this summer's conference has raised the question of repeating the program in the future. A second conference would allow participation by many of the applicants we were obliged to turn away for lack of space in this summer's conference. Plans are underway for submitting proposals to outside agencies to fund a second conference in the summer of 1989.

IV. BUDGET

Appendix B to this report is an itemized account of the expenditures for the conference.
INSTRUCTORS IN THE CONFERENCE USING DATA FROM
THE SOVIET INTERVIEW PROJECT

Research Team and Other Presenters

Donna Bahry
Department of Politics
New York University

Michael Berbaum
Department of Psychology
Brandeis University

Carolyn Breda
Department of Sociology
Data Management Center
Vanderbilt University

Paul Gregory
Department of Economics
University of Houston

Alex Inkeles
Hoover Institute on War, Revolution, and Peace
Stanford University

Rasma Karklins
Department of Political Science
University of Illinois
at Chicago

Janet Kohlhase
Department of Economics
University of Houston

James R. Millar, Project Director
Soviet Interview Project
University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Nancy Morrison
SPSS, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois

Brian Silver
Department of Political Science
Michigan State University

Michael Swafford
Department of Sociology
Data Management Center
Vanderbilt University

William Zimmerman
Institute for Public Policy Studies
University of Michigan

Sponsor Oversight Committee

Raymond Platig
INR/LAR
Department of State

Albert Salter
Office of Soviet Analysis
Central Intelligence Agency
Student Participants

Professor Michael Alexeev
George Mason University

Professor Yochanan Altman
Northeast London Polytechnic University

Professor Paddy Dale
Oberlin College
Alabama

Professor Robert D. Grey
Grinnell College

Professor Paul R. Josephson
Sarah Lawrence College

Professor Susan J. Linz
Michigan State University

Professor John P. Willerton
Michigan State University

Professor Herbert Kloos
Osteuropa-Institut, Munich

Professor David S. Mason
Butler University

Professor Carol Nechemias
Pennsylvania State University,

Professor Scout Plous
Stanford University

Professor Philip G. Roeder
University of California,
San Diego

Professor Michael Marrese
Northwestern University

Professor Gabor T. Rittersporn
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Professor Klaus Segbers
Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen

Professor Larry E. Holmes
University of South Alabama

Darlene Mattson
Office of Soviet Analysis
Central Intelligence Agency

James Reitz
Office of Soviet Analysis
Department of Defense

Fred Grupp
Office of Soviet Analysis
Central Intelligence Agency

Professor Peter Hilkes
Osteuropa-Institut, Munich

Andrew Hallman
Department of Commerce

Gisela Meyer Escoe
Office of Soviet Analysis
Central Intelligence Agency

Richard Dobson
United States Information Agency

Brenda Heaster
Office of Soviet Analysis
Central Intelligence Agency

Professor Barbara Dietz
Osteuropa-Institut, Munich

Professor Martin Spechler
Indiana University
CONFERENCE USING SOVIET INTERVIEW PROJECT DATA

June 27 - July 1, 1988

SCHEDULE

Monday, June 27

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Check in
Russian and East European Center
1208 West California Avenue
Soviet Interview Project Headquarters
325 Coble Hall

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Welcome and Project Introduction
James R. Millar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. General Orientation to the SIP Data and Documentation
Michael Swafford, Vanderbilt University

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Logic of Survey Analysis with Examples from SIP
Michael Swafford, Vanderbilt University

3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Introduction to the CMS Operating System on the IBM
Beth Englebrecht-Wiggans, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Century Room, University Inn
302 East John Street, Champaign
Banquet for conference participants

8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Discussion

"The Finished and Unfinished Business of SIP," James R. Millar,
Project Director, Soviet Interview Project, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
SCHEDULE, continued

Tuesday, June 28

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 70 Commerce West
Introduction to SPSS-X I
Nancy Morrison, SPSS, Inc.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (no host)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Room 70 Commerce West
Introduction to SPSS-X II
Nancy Morrison, SPSS, Inc.

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Demographic Variables
Michael Swafford, Vanderbilt University

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Individual Consultations

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner (no host)

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Room 269 Illini Union
"Public Perceptions and the Dilemmas of Party Reform in the USSR: Insights from Soviet Emigrants"
Brian Silver, Michigan State University
Donna Bahry, New York University

8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Discussion
Wednesday, June 29

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Room 70 Commerce West
Political Variables I
Donna Bahry, New York University
Brian Silver, Michigan State University

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Room 329 Davenport Hall
Political Variables II
Donna Bahry, New York University
Brian Silver, Michigan State University

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Brown Bag presentation on the German
Soviet Interview Project
Barbara Dietz and Peter Hilkes
Osteuropa-Institut, Munich

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Room 70 Commerce West
Political Variables III
Donna Bahry, New York University
Brian Silver, Michigan State University

3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individual Consultations

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner (no host)

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Room 269 Illini Union
"Assessing Soviet Military Performance"
William Zimmerman, University of Michigan

8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Discussion
SCHEDULE, continued

Thursday, June 30

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  Room 70 Commerce West
Economic Variables I
Janet Kohlhase, University of Houston

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (no host)

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  Room 70 Commerce West
Economic Variables II
Paul Gregory, University of Houston

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Room 70 Commerce West
Individual consultations

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  Room 269 Illini Union
"Using SIP Data to Study Economic Issues"
Paul Gregory, University of Houston

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  Discussion

8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SCHEDULE, continued

Friday, July 1

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  Room 70 Commerce West
Practicum using SIP data
Individual consultations

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.  Concord Room, University Inn
302 East John Street, Champaign
Luncheon for conference participants

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  "From Harvard to SIP: Using Emigrants and Refugees as Sources of Information," Alex Inkeles, Stanford University

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  Room 70 Commerce West
Practicum using SIP data
Individual consultations
# APPENDIX B
# BUDGET REPORT
# SOVIET INTERVIEW PROJECT DATA CONFERENCE

Original amount awarded: $47,328

## Expenditures:

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