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SUBJECT: Procurement of Soviet Aircraft

1. At the 22 March 1962 meeting of the Special Group (Augmented) there was a discussion of the question raised by the Attorney General on the possibility of U. S. manufacture or acquisition of Soviet aircraft.

2. With respect to manufacture in the United States of copies having the external configuration of Soviet aircraft, the following table sets forth estimates received by the U. S. Air Force in response to queries on the covert domestic production of such planes:

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Configuration</u>	<u>Time to Produce</u>	<u>Cost*</u>
I. MIG 17	To withstand distant observation and photography	One in 6-8 mos. 12 within 1 year	\$3.5 million for six aircraft
II. MIG 17	To withstand close examination of exterior; nontechnical people view certain parts	One in 9-10 mos. six within 6 mos. 12 shortly thereafter	\$13-15 million \$22 million
III. MIG 17	Exact replica, subject to technical scrutiny	Not possible	
IV. MIG 19	Same as I above	Approximately same as I above	\$7 million for six
V. MIG 19	II above	II above	\$26-44 million
VI. MIG 19	III above	Not possible	
VII. IL 14	All cases extremely difficult and time-consuming; recommend obtaining from third parties.		

*(U. S. Government to supply engines)

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