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Reporting on the work of the standing commissions of the USSR Supreme Soviet, which are purportedly going through the draft budget and plan for 1970 with the traditional fine tooth-comb, Radio Moscow-1 (2200 GMT, December 2, 1969) announced further reductions in the output targets for 1970 when compared with the original Eighth Five-Year Plan targets. The new plan figures are 740 billion kwh of electric power, "nearly" 610 million tons of coal and 115 million tons of steel. These and other reductions given by Soviet media are set out below, together with the original targets for 1970.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>1970P orig.</u>	<u>1970P revised</u>
Electric Power	bil.kwh	830-850	740
Petroleum	mil.tons	345-355	345-350
Gas	bil.m. ³	225-240	200
Coal	mil.tons	665-675	610
Steel	mil.tons	124-129	115
Plastics	thou.tons	2100-2300	1800
Chemical fibers	thou.tons	780-830	700
Passenger cars	thou.units	700-800	600

Sources: 1970P orig.: Pravda, February 20, 1966 and April 10, 1966; 1970P revised for electric power, coal and steel: RM-1, December 2, 1969; for gas: RM-1, 1900 hrs, October 10, 1969; for oil: Agitator, No. 15, 1969, pp 24, 31; for plastics and chemical fibers: Planovoye Khozyaistvo, No. 12, 1967, pp 12, 13; for passenger cars: Za Rulyom, No. 6, 1968, p 6 (although the outturn will probably be nearer to 400,000-KB)

In view of the above sizable cutbacks in the output targets for these salient commodities, it will be interesting to see if the overall 53 per cent increase in gross industrial output is retained. If so, the attainment of this goal will apparently be largely attributable once again to the production of defense items beyond the levels originally foreseen, together with inflation in wholesale prices, especially in the machine-building and chemical industries. (KB)

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