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Call for Papers: Science & Technology in the Cold War

Ed. note: I notice that the organizers are particularly interested in contributions from (or concerning) countries other than NATO, Soviet Bloc, etc. F.F.C.

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Dear colleagues:

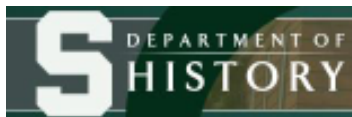
We the undersigned will organize a session on "Science and Technology in the Cold War" for ICOHTEC 1999, the 26th Symposium of the International Committee for the History of Technology, to be held in Belfort, France, from 16-21 August 1999. The general theme of ICOHTEC 1999 is *Technological choice.* For further information on ICOHTEC 1999 as a whole, contact Michel Cotte, Universite de Technologie de Belfort-Montbéliard, Rue du Chateau, SEVANANS, F-90010 BELFORT, France. Fax: (33) 03 84 58 31 78. Email: Michel.Cotte@utbm.fr

The purpose of our session is to explore military or national defense aspects of *technological choice* from the end of World War II to the breakup of the USSR. We conceive our subject broadly, to include organizational innovation as well as hardware, the social and biological sciences as well as the physical sciences, the impact of society on technology as well as the impact of technology on society. Military concerns and defense funding clearly affected scientific and technological choices well beyond weapons, but choices about weapon also could and did reflect political views and social concerns. Technologies developed for specifically military purposes sometimes involved choices with far-reaching social ramifications, just as choices in scientific or technological developments seemingly far afield from the armed forces might have serious military consequences.

We are especially hope to include participants who can discuss developments within non-NATO countries. (Financial assistance from ICOHTEC may be available for prospective East European and Third World attendees.) Anyone interested in participating should contact one of us as soon as possible, preferably by email or fax. At this point, we are primarily concerned to receive expressions of interest. Please include a capsule c.v. and a descriptive title or a brief statement of your intended topic. We will ask for abstracts early next year.

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