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ABSTRACT: Nevin Bean was a technical assistant to the general manager of Ford Motor Company's Automatic Transmission Division. In December 1955, he was part of a three-person exchange program between the United States and the U.S.S.R.

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Nevin L. Bean was the technical assistant to the general manager of Ford Motor Company's Automatic Transmission Division. In December 1955, he was part of a three-person exchange program between the United States and the U.S.S.R. The program allowed three Soviet engineers to visit various manufacturing and industrial sites in the United States and three American engineers to visit Soviet plants. The exchange allowed engineers to investigate, evaluate, and observe technical operations in different industries of the host country. Along with Bean, the American delegation included Dr. Weldon Brandt, general manager of director systems for Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and Dr. A. C. Hall, general manager of research at Bendix Corporation in Detroit, Michigan

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Nevin L. Bean papers consist of one typewritten report titled Automechanics and Telemechanics in the U.S.S.R., co-authored by Bean, Brandt, and Hall summarizing their trip to the Soviet Union from December 8 to 20, 1955. The report documents the American delegation's evaluation and analysis of various aspects of Soviet industrial manufacturing, tool design, automation, and early computerization programs.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Bean, Nevin L.

Ford Motor Company. Automatic Transmission Division.

Brandt, Weldon.

Hall, A. C.

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade -- Russia.

Automobile industry and trade -- Automation.

Machine-tools

Machinery

Manufacturing processes

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Soviet Union

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Technical reports

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### **Single Folder**

Report on Russian Engineering and Automation, December 1955 (a report on the Russian Industrial tour as observed by Nevin L. Bean. 39 pages)