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A total of 138 extracts from Soviet and Chinese documents published in the period 1963-67 is presented in this collection. An additional 23 documents from the earlier period of 1950-62 are also included in extenso as appendices. The extracts are arranged in thirty sections, which range from relations between the Soviet Union and the Chinese Communist Party during the Chinese revolution to Sino-Soviet differences over the Cultural Revolution.

Each section is preceded by an editorial commentary, which provides the essential background and summarizes the available information on the events and issues referred to in the documents.

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