

262 million dollars. In addition, the US government has allocated 30 million dollars for activities related to environmental protection in areas where American scientists are working in the Antarctic.

On the agenda for today is the issue of formulating a new concept of Soviet Antarctic research. One of its components should be expanded participation by the USSR in international cooperation in research concerning the Sixth Continent. This will provide for optimal and more productive utilization of existing material and intellectual resources. We need to reorganize the network of Soviet research stations through concentration of material and technical supply at three or four large bases, and to develop a network of automatic stations. At the same time, a fundamentally new system of communications should be established which would include a mobile system of aviation support and a satellite communications system."

"How many people do we have in the Antarctic during seasonal operations?"

"Approximately a thousand scientists and specialists. The American expedition numbers more than 2500 people in the summer.

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