HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This book is divided into two parts. Part One consists of three chapters on general subjects dealing with the published censuses of Russia and the USSR, followed by five chapters on ten specific topics, the study of which requires the use of census figures. Thus, a researcher investigating ethnicity and language use in the Soviet Union should read the first three chapters for background and then the topical chapter dealing with that particular subject (in this case, the chapter by Brian D. Silver).

Part Two is an index to and list of every published table in the six major censuses taken in Russia (1897) and the USSR (1926, 1939, 1959, 1970, and 1979). Cross-tabulations (i.e., combinations of topics, such as ‘‘Educational Attainment by Age’’) are provided in great detail. Because the organization of such a complex set of information is itself complicated, the user is urged to read carefully the Introduction to the Index by Peter R. Craumer.