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Date: March 23, 1960

To: Office of Security
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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The following information was obtained as a result of our over-all coverage of the Communist Party (CP), USA, and concerns statements made by Aleksey Runyantsev, editor in chief of the "World Marxist Review," the theoretical journal of international communism published in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

In February, 1960, Runyantsev stated that he considers the circulation of the "World Marxist Review" in the United States to be most important and urged that every effort be made to increase its circulation in this country and to reach a wider range of readers. He advocated that this publication be made available to libraries, universities and to serious students throughout the United States.

According to Runyantsev, the "World Marxist Review" is particularly interested in publishing articles written by ranking members of the CP, USA, and pointed out that articles by Eugene Dennis, chairman, CP, USA, and Gus Hall, general secretary, CP, USA, will be included in issues of this publication in the immediate future.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of certain of the sources of our information, it is requested

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637)(41)

SUBJECT: SOLO
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On 3/14/60, NY 694-S* orally furnished the information on the following pages to SA [redacted] This report concerns the "World Marxist Review."

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"WORLD MARXIST REVIEW"

On February 16 and 29, 1960, NY 694-S* conferred, in Prague, with ~~(FNU) RUMYANTSEV~~, Editor of the "World Marxist Review" and also a member of the Central Committee of the CPSU.
ALEKSEY RUMYANTSEV

At a meeting in RUMYANTSEV's office, the latter told the informant that he considers the magazine ("World Marxist Review") in the U. S. most important and that every effort should be made to increase its circulation there to even a wider range of readers. It should be available at libraries, universities, and to serious students throughout the United States. He said that, unfortunately, the circulation is limited, but that he understood the handicaps involved, such as State Department regulations, mailing of material to readers, and the general situation in the CP,USA, which, at the moment, is not of assistance to the circulation of the "World Marxist Review."

RUMYANTSEV said that he saw, however, a change for the Party in the U. S., since the visit of KHRUSHCHEV. A good example was the recent TV interview of GUS HALL and the radio broadcasting of the convention proceedings of the American Party.

He said it was true that there was not an overwhelming acceptance of these programs, but that, nevertheless, it was a happy event and most important that at this time the leader of the American Party could be televised to twenty million viewers.

RUMTANTSEV also expressed pleasure at the fact that in recent weeks a "Hollywood 10 writer" (reference is probably to DALTON TRUMBO), who was ostracized and persecuted in the days of Mc Carthy, was reported in the press as having written an important script to be made into a movie picture.

In a subsequent meeting at RUMYANTSEV's office on the

same date, there were present RUMYANTSEV, his assistant, ALEXEI MATREEVICH, and CHAO-YI-MIN, who is an Assistant Editor of the "World Marxist Review," and also the representative of the Chinese CP to the "World Marxist Review." CHAO, furthermore, is a "candidate" member of the Central Committee of the CP of China.

NY 694-S* initiated the conversation by extending to the entire group the greetings of the new General Secretary of the CP,USA, GUS HALL, and of the other members of the CP,USA Secretariat.

The informant advised them that they would receive an article for publication in the "World Marxist Review" written by EUGENE DENNIS, that this article was being sent to them without comment, and that, if any changes should be made therein, the CP,USA should be advised immediately, since the article had already been set up in a galley form for publication in "Political Affairs." RUMYANTSEV expressed pleasure that such an article by DENNIS had been sent to them. He said that actually the article had arrived on that very morning, and that as yet he had not had a chance to have it translated. He said that he was sure that any article coming from the CP,USA, particularly from EUGENE DENNIS, was most important and would be most welcome.

RUMYANTSEV suggested, however, that it would be best if both printings of the DENNIS article be made at the same time. He said that if by some chance it was planned to print the article in "Political Affairs" in the March issue of that magazine, it would perhaps be wise to delay such printing until the April issue, which would coincide with the date of the printing in the "World Marxist Review."

NY 694-S* told RUMYANTSEV that he could give him no guarantees with respect to when the article would be printed in "Political Affairs" and said that he would, however, notify

the CP,USA as soon as possible with respect to RUMYANTSEV's request. He felt that if there were time, the CP,USA would be pleased to conform with RUMYANTSEV's suggestion.

It was agreed that NY 694-S* and the "World Marxist Review" staff named above would meet again before the informant would leave for the United States. It was understood that at that later date the DENNIS article would have been translated and RUMYANTSEV would be in a position to inform NY 694-S* concerning any suggested changes in the DENNIS article.

On the informant's return to Prague on February 29, 1960, he was notified by ALEXEI MATREEVICH that RUMYANTSEV and another of his chief assistants, (FNU) TKATSHENKO, would like to confer with the informant as soon as possible and would come to the latter's hotel to talk with him there. RUMYANTSEV and MATREEVICH and TKATSHENKO came to the informant's hotel and the informant was told that the DENNIS article had been translated and was considered to be most timely and important. However, they stated that, by reason of the fact that the article was 39 pages in length, it was much too long. They said, since time is of the essence, did the informant have the authority to authorize that the article be cut in half to approximately twenty pages. NY 694-S* told them he could not assume responsibility in that regard, having no authority to do so, and he suggested that the article be printed in full, despite its length. He stated that should they cut the article down to twenty pages, it might lead to a serious misunderstanding. The CP,USA leaders might think that the editors of the "World Marxist Review" disagreed with the contents of the article.

After a lengthy discussion about this matter between themselves, the "World Marxist Review" representatives agreed that perhaps the article should be printed in full and that no serious changes should be made therein. However, they requested that they be allowed to make one change, which would constitute

an omission. They desired to eliminate a paragraph which quoted KENNON (the DENNIS article was based upon KENNON's speech), in which paragraph it is stated that the Red Army had occupied Finland in 1940. This was after the Finnish-Russian war of that year. NY 694-S* told them that he was sure that it would be permissible for them to do that and said he assumed the responsibility to authorize them to make the said omission.

It was further agreed that the following would be done: That the article be printed in two installments because of its length--the first half to be printed in the March issue and the other half in the April issue. It was further agreed that the "World Marxist Review" representatives would mail the translation of this article to MORRIS CHILDS, the Secretary of the International Affairs Committee of the CP,USA.

RUMYANTSEV told the informant that HY LUMER's article, which actually was the speech the latter made at the 17th Convention of the CP,USA concerning the economic situation in the USA, had been translated and would be printed. He stated that the content of the article would be the same but "rounded out" to read in a more popular vein. RUMYANTSEV stated further that the "World Marxist Review" was anxiously awaiting the article by GUS HALL, which would be entitled "The 17th Convention of the CP,USA and Its Tasks."

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637)

SUBJECT: SOLO
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NY 694-S*, on 3/21/60, orally furnished the information on the following pages to SA [redacted] [redacted] This report contains information that CHAO YI MIN and the informant had mutual friends and that MIN is interested in maintaining contact with NY 694-S*.

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CHAO YI MIN and NY 694-S*
Have Mutual Friends

In Prague, in March, 1960, NY 694-S* conferred with CHAO YI MIN, member of the Central Committee of the Chinese CP, who is also a representative of the Chinese CP to the "World Marxist Review", and one of the editors of the said publication.

During the conversation with CHAO YI MIN, NY 694-S* and MIN reminisced about their past activities in the CP. They discovered they had mutual friends, who MIN had known when he was in the Chinese CP underground in Shanghai before the revolution. These friends included HARRY KWIET and GRACE and MANNIE GRANICH.

MIN was particularly interested in obtaining information about KWIET and expressed sorrow to learn that the latter is dead. KWIET, the informant told MIN, had been a radio operator aboard a US ship that was torpedoed by a German submarine.

MIN stated that the GRANICHes were not apparatus people, but had edited a magazine in Shanghai in 1934. He said he had great respect for them. Also, MIN reported he had known AGNES SMEDLEY and ANNA LOUISE STRONG.

MIN disclosed that he is 57 years of age, married, and the father of a 35 year old son who works for the Chinese CP. MIN is also a grandfather.

The informant remarked to MIN, "according to the Capitalist press, you (the Chinese) are now making rockets." MIN laughed and replied, "we are not making them now, but we will."

NY 694-S* asked MIN whether, on the death of CHIANG KAI SHEK, the Nationalist Government on Formosa would topple. MIN replied, "no-his son will take over." (CHIANG KAI SHEK'S)

The informant said his son was a Lenin school student and a roommate of MORRIS CHILDS.

MIN added, "yes, he was also in OGPU when he was in Russia."

MIN also told the informant that ALFRED DEWHURST, Canadian CP representative to the "World Marxist Review", had completed his assignment on the said publication and would return to Canada after a visit to China.

MIN was extremely friendly with NY 694-S*. He apologized profusely for his poor English and said he would make an effort to improve it since he and NY 694-S* had so many matters of mutual interest that they could discuss. He hoped that NY 694-S* would return to Prague in the near future.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-428091)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637)

SUBJECT: SOLO
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On 3/11/60, NY 694-S* orally furnished to SAS [redacted] and THORNTON M. WOOD information set out on the following page. This report reflects that the Chinese CP has indicated it desires MARY JANE KEENEY (Bufile 100-467) and her husband, PHILIP OLIN KEENEY, to come to China to live and work.

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PHILIP KEENEY
MARY JANE KEENEY

In Prague, Czechoslovakia, in the periods 2/16-18/60 and 2/29-3/2/60, NY 694-S* conferred with CHAO YI MIN, a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese CP who is also a representative of the Chinese CP to the "World Marxist Review", and one of the editors of that publication.

MIN told NY 694-S* that the Chinese CP requested that he locate PHILIP KEEKEY and his wife, MARY JANE KEEKEY, 41 King Street, NY, NY, and advise them that the Chinese CP desires them to come to China to live and work. They should be told that their traveling expenses will be paid by the Chinese, and that presently, there are airplane tickets awaiting them in Berne, Switzerland. They will be reimbursed for their travel from the US to Berne.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 17, 1960

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: SOLO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

While in Moscow, Russia, in connection with Solo operation number four, NY 694-S had the occasion to converse with Nikolai Mostovets, head, North and South American Sections, International Department, Central Committee, Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) in February, 1960. The details of this discussion are set forth in New York airtel March 13, 1960.

In reference to the CP of Mexico, Mostovets related that there are two CP groups in Mexico, one headed by Dionisio Encina and a second headed by younger CP members which has the support of the CPSU and the CP of China. Mostovets said that following the CP of Mexico convention which Mostovets stated had been scheduled for March 12 to 15, 1960, Encina will be removed from leadership and expelled from the CP of Mexico. (The Bureau has received previous information that this convention had been scheduled for March, 1960, but on March 10, 1960, it was postponed indefinitely.)

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the increasing interest in Latin America brought about by Anastas Mikoyan's recent visits to Mexico and Cuba and the President's recent tour of South America, this information is quite pertinent. Despite statements by Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders to the contrary, it is quite evident that the CPSU not only has interest in other CPs but is making every effort to control these CPs.

ACTION:

There are attached for your approval appropriate communications incorporating pertinent data furnished by this informant. If you agree, these communications with a "~~Top~~ Secret" classification will be furnished to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, the Vice President; Honorable Christian A. Herter, the Secretary of State; Mr. Allen Dulles, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; and the Attorney General.

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NY 694-S* on 3/11/60, orally furnished the information on the following page to SAS [redacted] and THORNTON M. WOOD. This report reflects information concerning the current status of ALFRED K. STERN and MARTHA DODD STERN; who are currently at Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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ALFRED K. STERN, aka
MARTHA DODD STERN, aka

While in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 2/16-18/60 and 2/29-3/2/60, NY 694-S* conferred with LADISLAV KOCMAN (ph), member of the International Department of the Central Committee (English Section) of the Czechoslovakian CP, as well as (FNU) KADERKA, Deputy in Charge of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovakian CP.

While in conference with either KOCMAN or KADERKA, informant was asked to speak with ALFRED K. STERN and MARTHA DODD STERN; however, he pointed out that since he was operating in an illegal status, he could not very well contact these two individuals or else his status would become known. Informant advised contacting Agents that should he have spoken with the STERNS, his cover would have been dissipated at once.

The question of his contacting the STERNS was not raised again, however, through discussions with KOCMAN and KADERKA, he gained the impression that the STERNS were living in Prague like millionaires and the Czech Government wished it could rid itself of them. He also was told by an unrecalled source that ALFRED K. STERN had tired of inactivity and had interposed himself upon the Czech Government setting himself up as a building construction expert, thus becoming involved in the building construction program of the Czech Government. Informant recalled he had been told STERN had botched up his part of the building construction program and had cost the Czech Government about a million dollars.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 23, 1960

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Administrative Div.
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - J. D. Donohue
1 - Mr. Decker

SUBJECT: SOLO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

BAUMGARDNER

Solo is the code name for the operation involving our top informants, CG 5824-S and NY 694-S, as the liaison representatives between the Communist Party (CP), USA, and top level leaders of the CPs of the Soviet Union and other Iron Curtain countries.

NY 694-S went abroad on 2/3/60 in connection with Solo mission number four and returned to the United States on 3/10/60. While abroad, he contacted important functionaries of the Czechoslovakian, Chinese and Soviet CPs from whom he obtained information of considerable import, particularly concerning matters of current international interest.

Despite being away from his wife and children for this extended period of time, informant, immediately upon return to New York, was interviewed at length regarding this mission and all important information developed has been obtained. This information has been analyzed by the Bureau and disseminated with the Director's approval on a selective basis to high-ranking officials of our Government.

New York, by airtel 3/22/60, suggests that the Bureau may desire to express its appreciation to the informant for his unusual service by giving him a bonus payment of $1,000.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is to be observed that subsequent to Solo missions one and three, CG 5824-S was given a personal letter from the Director and a bonus payment of $1,000. There is no question but that Solo mission number four developed very important information and that the informant endangered his life in undertaking this mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That NY 694-S be afforded a bonus payment in the amount of $1,000. It is believed that informant certainly merits recognition for his outstanding services in this operation above and beyond his usual remuneration.

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RE: SOLO
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2. That a personal letter of commendation over the Director's signature be directed to NY 694-S. This letter will be delivered to informant by the SAC, New York, for perusal and then immediately returned to the New York Office and retained in the safe.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval an appropriate communication to the SAC, New York. Enclosed with this communication is a personal letter of commendation from the Director to NY 694-S. Appropriate instructions are included regarding the manner in which this communication is to be made available to the informant. Instructions are also included to afford the informant a cash bonus payment of $1,000.

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NY 694-S* returned to the United States 3-10-60 following a solo mission to Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the Soviet Union. The high lights of this mission were set forth in my memorandum 3-11-60. The Director noted that the information developed should be disseminated expeditiously on receipt of details.

New York by airtels 3/13,15/60 advised of informant's conversations with Nikolai Mostovets, Head, North and South American Sections Central Committee Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) in Moscow, February, 1960. Mostovets stated that the CPSU will give serious consideration to providing financial assistance to the Communist Party of Puerto Rico (CPPR) upon receipt of a proposal outlining the exact amounts needed. He added that the Communist Party of Cuba has agreed to organize a "Friends Committee" to assist the CPPR and this group would be able to furnish any immediate financial assistance needed by the CPPR.

Mostovets also stated that the CPSU desires that the Communist Party, USA, send young Negro and Puerto Rican students to Moscow prior to September, 1960, to attend the Friendship of the Peoples' University in Moscow for a course to last about five years. The travel expenses of the students will be paid by the CPSU. A recent issue of the "Moscow News" stated that the above university is being organized under the auspices of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, the Union of Soviet Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions.

ACTION:

There are attached for your approval appropriate communications incorporating pertinent data furnished by this informant. If you agree these communications with a ~~"Top Secret"~~ classification will be furnished to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, the Vice President; Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; Honorable Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State; Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director, Central Intelligence Agency and the Attorney General.

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Decker

SUBJECT: SOLO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Chicago, by attached airtel 3/14/60, advised of the secret meeting held in the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York City, 3/11/60, between Eugene Dennis, chairman, Communist Party (CP), USA, Gus Hall, general secretary, CP, USA, and our informant, CG 5824-S. The primary purpose of this meeting was to enable Dennis and our informant to brief Hall concerning the CP, USA's relationship with foreign communist parties, particularly in regard to the receipt of funds.

This meeting was held under stringent security with the major portion of the meeting conducted through written notes which were immediately destroyed.

Hall was advised concerning the funds being received from the CP of the Soviet Union and the fact that $200,000 is expected for 1960. He was given a general run-down on the condition of the CP, USA, finances with emphasis on the depletion of its reserve fund since 1956. Hall was also advised of the function of the auditing committee, CP, USA, of which committee CG 5824-S is a ranking member. In connection with CP, USA, relations with other CPs, it was decided that a small secret commission to be known as the International Affairs Commission will be established, consisting of Eugene Dennis, Gus Hall and CG 5824-S. This commission will act in behalf of the Secretariat, CP, USA, but will not consult with the Secretariat. The CP, USA, members will not be informed of the commission's existence; however, its composition will be made known to foreign CPs.

It was agreed at this meeting that the matters discussed, especially the receipt of funds from the Soviet Union, will be known only to Dennis, Hall and our informant. It was also agreed that with the exception of emergency situations, any expenditures of funds received from the Soviet Union will have to be authorized by Dennis, Hall and informant.

OBSERVATIONS:

ENCLOSURE

We are extremely fortunate that our informant, CG 5824-S, is in a position where he will be able to keep the Bureau fully apprised of funds received from foreign CPs as well as the relationship of the CP, USA, with foreign CPs. This is especially significant in view of the fact that this information is being restricted to Hall and Dennis, the two top CP functionaries in this country, and our informant.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: SOLO
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ACTION:

We have already disseminated on a highly selected basis the information referred to during this discussion concerning Russian funds as well as other information resulting from the Solo trip. This meeting reflects the machinations of these party officials and is outlined for the Director's information.

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MEETING BETWEEN MORRIS CHILDS, EUGENE DENNIS, AND GUS HALL IN NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH 11, 1960

On Friday, March 11, 1960, there was a meeting in New York City between MORRIS CHILDS, Secretary of the Foreign Affairs and Peace Commission of the Communist Party - USA (CPUSA); GUS HALL, Executive Secretary of the CPUSA; and EUGENE DENNIS, Chairman of the CPUSA. This meeting was held in Room #900 of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York City. The room had been rented by JACK CHILDS, using the name of JACK BROOKS. The meeting started shortly after noon and lasted until about 6:00 P.M. EUGENE DENNIS felt that since this hotel room was located on a floor where a toy convention was in progress, it offered good security. However, he still insisted that the major portion of the meeting be conducted in writing and that the notes be immediately destroyed because of the subject matter under discussion.

Agenda

This meeting was held primarily to acquaint GUS HALL with the relationship of the CPUSA with other Communist Parties, particularly in regard to the receipt of funds. Most of the briefing in regard to funds was done by CHILDS, who was following the instructions of DENNIS in regard to the amounts mentioned.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

I. Report on the General Status of Finances of the CPUSA.

II. Functioning of the Foreign Affairs and Peace Commission of the CPUSA.

III. Miscellaneous Items of Information from CHILDS.

I. REPORT ON THE GENERAL STATUS OF FINANCES OF THE CPUSA

Remarks of MORRIS CHILDS

CHILDS indicated in writing that the prospects are that the CPUSA will get $200,000 in 1960. He also indicated that this

prospect is based on promises made in 1958. He explained that the original request for financial assistance for the CPUSA was presented to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) in 1958. He wrote that he had been informed that an international commission of all socialist countries who make contributions to a fund to assist other Communist Parties had to vote on the request. CHILDS indicated that the first money received did not arrive until late 1958 or early 1959.

Continuing, CHILDS indicated that if $200,000 is received in 1960, it will be earmarked as follows:

$75,000 for "The Worker"
$50,000 for general Party work
$40,000 for trade union concentration
$25,000 for Negro work
$10,000 for miscellaneous items, which includes travel expenses.

CHILDS also stated that for the first time, the CPUSA has in its possession some of the money received from the socialist countries for ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and International Publishers. Further, that the CPSU has stated that if the CPUSA wants to use some of this money for the Party, it is all right to do so.

Again per instructions of DENNIS, CHILDS told HALL that, in round numbers, the CPUSA has $75,000 on hand, and this includes the funds in the possession of ISADORE WOFSY. There was also a "reserve" of $75,000, but some of this money is not in this country at the present time but will be received later. Again on instructions of DENNIS, CHILDS told HALL that of the sums received from the Soviet Union, at least 25% has to be put away as a "reserve" until the Party can build up its "reserve". CHILDS also told HALL that up to the present time, DENNIS had given the orders and/or permission for any expenditures of funds received from the Soviet Union.

During this discussion, it was agreed that henceforth, any expenditures of sums received from the Soviet Union will have to be authorized by HALL, DENNIS, and CHILDS. However, if it is not possible during some emergency for all three to meet, then any one of the three may, without prior consultation with the other two, authorize an expenditure of up to $1,000. Subsequently, the other two would be notified and the amount would be taken from the sums received from the Soviet Union.

CHILDS also indicated that it may take as many as ten trips a year to bring the money from the Soviet Union into the United States. Some of the money comes in from Canada. Furthermore, the Central Committee of the CPSU will only deal with certain persons in regard to financial matters. In Canada, TIM BUCK is the only person who can receive the money directly from the Soviets.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS supplemented the written statements of CHILDS. DENNIS said that the CPUSA is in worse shape financially at the present time than it was in the late 1940's and early 1950's. DENNIS indicated in writing that there were times up to 1956 when the CPUSA had as much as $350,000 in reserve and, in addition, had businesses and an income from the funds handled by ISADORE WOFSY.

DENNIS said that from $100,000 to $150,000 was dissipated by the Right wing, certain leaders in the New York District, and then by the ultra-Left. He said it is now necessary to build a reserve that will not be dissipated.

Then DENNIS said that he has talked with ISADORE WOFSY since the first of the year, and WOFSY said that his annual income from his sources is now under $20,000, while the fund being handled by WOFSY is being used up at the rate of $4,000 to $5,000 per week.

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL said he understands the situation in regard to the receipt of funds from the Soviet Union. He stated he knows the difficulties involved and that it is necessary to be careful.

Then HALL stated that it will be necessary to create a different atmosphere in the National Office of the CPUSA in regard to the handling of funds. He explained that there is presently an atmosphere in the National Office that money will be made available by WOFSY for the asking. HALL cited the following individuals as being primarily responsible for creating this atmosphere: JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, PHIL BART, IRVING POTASH, and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

HALL reiterated that it is necessary to create a different atmosphere concerning funds. He cited an example to illustrate his point. He stated that recently he issued orders that those

receiving their salary from the National Office would receive only half pay. Shortly thereafter, the New York District came in with a big dues payment to the National Office. RUTH ROBERTS stated immediately that with this money, it would now be possible to pay everyone his full salary.

Auditing Committee

HALL said that there has to be a different system for the control of funds. He said that there really has been no audit, and that the Auditing Committee will have to get to work.

It was then agreed that in the near future, an Auditing Committee, consisting of MORRIS CHILDS, JACK KLING, and possibly IRVING HERMAN, or, as an alternate for HERMAN, HELEN WINTER, will look over the national budget and will try to work out ways and means of raising money.

12th-13 Realty Corporation

DENNIS stated that the Party still has an interest in the building on 12th Street. He stated that the Party has an income of approximately $6,000 a year from this building. DENNIS also said that there is an opportunity to sell this building, but some people believe that it would be wise to keep the building for another year or two. He said that it might be possible to sell the building for approximately $250,000. There is a mortgage of approximately $100,000. Thus, if the building were sold, the Party may have a net of $100,000 to $150,000 in cash.

Discussion of Methods to Raise Funds

HALL said that it will be necessary for the Party to consider the establishment of businesses to raise money. However, it will be necessary to find specialists for this purpose. He said that PHIL BART is not doing enough organizing to raise funds, and that ISADORE WOFSY has said that new blood is needed in the Finance Committee. HALL said that it will be necessary to prepare a list of people and see if it is possible to obtain donations from these people. He stated that he will see some persons of this type, discuss the Party and Communism with them, and attempt to get donations from them. He went on to say that other Party leaders should also see persons whose names will be placed on this list.

Then GUS HALL said that he had asked BEN DAVIS if DAVIS was receiving any money from FRANCES DAMON. DAVIS said that he was

not. HALL said he had learned that DAMON said that she had tried to see DENNIS for six months, but was unable to do so. DENNIS denied this. He said he had seen DAMON in July, and at that time she said that she had some personal problems. In general, DENNIS indicated by his remarks that he was thoroughly familiar with the situation in regard to DAMON.

It was agreed at this meeting that the Party must try to obtain business experts to advise it in regard to investments. Also, that an effort must be made to get people to invest capital for Party business enterprises, and that it is necessary to have the entire Party organization try to raise money. Further, that there has to be a strict control of the Party budget and especially the expenditures. Also, that once every three months HALL, DENNIS, and CHILDS will meet to discuss finances.

Request that MORRIS CHILDS Move to New York City

At this point, HALL asked CHILDS to move from Chicago to New York City. He said that CHILDS could be a big help generally in New York. CHILDS complained that he was already being misused by the Party. Further, that he has a job outside the Party in Chicago and that right now it would be better from his personal standpoint if he stayed in Chicago. HALL asked if CHILDS could get a transfer of his job assignment outside the Party from Chicago to New York City. CHILDS replied he thought that it was unfair to ask him to do this and that this would be taking unfair advantage of him. He urged further consideration be given to this matter before he is asked to move from Chicago to New York.

The Handling of Funds from Physical and Bookkeeping Standpoints

It was then agreed that it will be necessary to work out bookkeeping methods for the funneling of funds received from the Soviet Union into the funds handled by ISADORE WOFSY and from WOFSY into the Party and "The Worker". One possibility is the preparation of a list of names of individuals and the securing of their permission to list them as contributors of sums of money to the Party.

HALL also stated that he knows a Finnish woman who lives in Upstate New York. He said that she knows OTTO KUUSINEN and his family. In the past, she has held funds for the CPUSA. HALL said that he would swear by her. He suggested that CHILDS might

want to consider using this woman to act as a courier, handle funds, act as a depository for funds, etc. Both HALL and DENNIS said that they will try to get people who will work with CHILDS in the handling of funds, act as couriers, etc.

Discussion of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, of International Publishers, and JOE FIELDS, of New Century Publishers

Both HALL and DENNIS stated that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG is still regarding International Publishers as his personal business and personal property. They stated that TRACHTENBERG has got to be convinced that this is the property of the CPUSA. They also stated that the Party has a program for publications which TRACHTENBERG cannot stop. They stated that an effort was made to create a committee to look into International Publishers. No one wanted to volunteer for this committee except BEN DAVIS. HY LUMER objected to DAVIS as a member of this committee. HALL said he told LUMER that it was incorrect to object when a Negro volunteers for a committee.

HALL also complained that TRACHTENBERG, who also controls some funds resulting from the liquidation of the Jefferson School of Social Science, would not even authorize an expenditure from those funds for a telephone for a Party school in New York.

HALL complained that JOE FIELDS is a "moss back"; that is, FIELDS has no initiative and sits on his behind most of the time.

CHILDS said that he agreed that TRACHTENBERG cannot continue to operate International Publishers as a private domain. CHILDS stated, however, that TRACHTENBERG has complained that the Party leadership has not made him a member of even a minor committee. CHILDS suggested that since TRACHTENBERG is an old man, that TRACHTENBERG be treated gently and be given some assignment to compensate for the loss of exclusive control of the affairs of International Publishers.

Conclusion of the Discussion on CPUSA Funds and Businesses

This phase of this meeting was concluded by DENNIS telling HALL that he now knows as much as DENNIS and CHILDS about the financial situation in the CPUSA. DENNIS said that he had been anxious for HALL to have this information. It was agreed that the

financial matters discussed at this meeting, especially the information concerning the receipt of funds from the Soviet Union, will be the knowledge of the three persons present at this meeting.

II. FUNCTIONING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PEACE COMMISSION OF THE CPUSA

CHILDS started the discussion of the second item on the agenda by stating that he had heard that some people had raised the question as to the usefulness of the Foreign Affairs and Peace Commission of the CPUSA, of which DENNIS has been the Chairman and CHILDS the Secretary. CHILDS said he had also heard that HALL was in agreement with those who opposed this commission.

HALL replied and said that it is true that he is opposed to this commission. He stated he did not see any need for the commission. He said that for the most part, this commission has been composed of armchair philosophers, such as ABE MAGIL, JIM ALLEN, JOE NORTH, etc. HALL also stated he felt that foreign affairs are so important that they should be considered by the Secretariat and/or the National Executive Committee.

DENNIS said he thought that it was not proper for HALL to make the statement that he was opposed to the Foreign Affairs and Peace Commission without first discussing the commission and its functions with him. DENNIS said it was because of this that he had refused to agree to continue to serve on this commission.

CHILDS then discussed how the Foreign Affairs and Peace Commission operated in the past. He said that as Secretary of this commission, he had made reports to the National Executive Committee and at other meetings. He said that through the efforts of this commission, the CPUSA has established contacts with the major Communist Parties throughout the world. He also stated that if BEN DAVIS said that this commission was the personal arm of GENE DENNIS, then it was an error on the part of HALL not to deny this allegation and to point out that as a result of the efforts of this commission, the CPUSA has earned the respect of the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union, China, Czechoslovakia, and, in fact, of Communist Parties the world over.

HALL then stated he felt that the things CHILDS was talking about -- that is, the relationship of the CPUSA with other Communist Parties -- should not be discussed in a large commission such as the International Affairs and Peace Commission has been.

Therefore, he proposed that the large International Affairs and Peace Commission be abolished. However, there should be a small, secret commission which will deal with the relationship of the CPUSA with other Parties, contacts between the CPUSA with other Parties, etc. While this would be a secret commission inside the CPUSA, its composition would be known to other Communist Parties.

DENNIS and CHILDS agreed with this proposal of HALL. It was agreed that this secret commission will be known as the International Affairs Commission. It will act in behalf of the Secretariat of the CPUSA, but without consulting the Secretariat, except in some instances when members of the Secretariat may be contacted on an individual basis. EUGENE DENNIS will be the Chairman, MORRIS CHILDS the Secretary, and GUS HALL a member of this commission. There may or may not be a large International Affairs and Peace Commission in addition to this small International Affairs Commission.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MORRIS CHILDS

CLARENCE HATHAWAY

CHILDS saved a "bomb-shell" for the last item on the agenda. CHILDS stated he had learned, without naming his source, that when the Central Committee of the CPSU received the names of members elected to the National Committee of the CPUSA, the following comment was made: The archives of the Central Committee of the CPSU reflect that CLARENCE HATHAWAY was a spy for the FBI in 1920; that he was seen in contact with an FBI Agent in 1941 in Pittsburgh, and that in 1947 he was in contact with and speaking to an FBI Agent in San Francisco.

This statement by CHILDS all but knocked out both DENNIS and HALL. DENNIS said he had not slept the night before. Now he knows that he will not sleep for the rest of the week. He also stated that he would not be able to make the main report at the meeting of the National Committee in Chicago. HALL said he thought he might make another trip to California.

HALL said that a meeting of the Secretariat and invited guests is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 14, 1960, and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT has already been asked to come in to New York City for the meeting. The main item on the agenda was to have been the composition of the National Executive Committee and, of course,

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CLARENCE HATHAWAY was being considered for the National Executive Committee. HALL said that it may be necessary to change the invitations to this meeting of the Secretariat or to postpone a discussion of the selections for the National Executive Committee.

HALL then stated that in a recent conversation with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, she said that recently the wife of ARNOLD JOHNSON said to her: You have named CLARENCE HATHAWAY as the leader of the New York District. Do you know that he was once accused of being an agent of the FBI? FLYNN said that she told Mrs. JOHNSON not to say this to anyone else or she would accuse her of spreading rumors about HATHAWAY.

HALL said that after his conversation with FLYNN, he attended an anniversary party for CLARENCE HATHAWAY. At this party, HATHAWAY took a drink, supposedly for the first time in sixteen years. HALL said that in the presence of HATHAWAY's wife, VERA, he told CLARENCE that the other day someone had said that HATAHWAY is an agent of the FBI. HALL said he now recalls that neither CLARENCE nor VERA HATHAWAY reacted in any manner to this statement. That is, that neither became indignant nor laughed it off as a joke.

In writing, DENNIS said, We are in a hell of a fix. We have to use a cleaver, but we cannot use it now. Should we chop off his head now and lose the New York District? It looks like the Left has not given up on the New York District. HALL agreed with the last statement by DENNIS. HALL said that despite the fact that DAVIS was persuaded not to fight to be re-elected Chairman of the New York District, the other day DAVIS walked into the National Office and announced that he is now the Chairman of the Harlem Section of the New York District. HALL asked, Can you imagine, DAVIS going down to a Section to be elected Chairman?

DENNIS then stated that he now recalled that in about 1939 or 1940, LEON JOSEPHSON was assigned to conduct an investigation of CLARENCE HATHAWAY. At that time, the charges against HATHAWAY were drunkenness, carousing with women, and a story that in 1919-1920 HATHAWAY was a private detective. That is, in 1919-1920, HATHAWAY had worked for a detective agency and during this period most detective agencies did strike breaking investigations. DENNIS said that during this investigation, someone had talked to HATHAWAY's first wife, and she verified that HATHAWAY had worked for a detective agency and she gave the name of the agency. An effort was made to verify the information with the detective agency, but by this time it had gone out of existence. However, the

LaFollett Civil Liberties Committee had compiled a list of detective agencies which had done strike-breaking work and the name of the detective agency for which HATHAWAY allegedly worked appeared on this list. By infiltrating the LaFollett Civil Liberties Committee, the Communist Party had been able to compile a list of the names of 3,500 people who were supposed to be "spies", private detectives, strike breakers, etc. However, HATHAWAY's name did not appear on this list and nothing ever resulted from the investigation conducted by LEON JOSEPHSON in 1939-1940.

DENNIS then stated that in 1943, HATHAWAY absconded with some money and ran off to Arizona with some woman. It was at that time that HATHAWAY was expelled from the Communist Party. DENNIS said that the Party leadership was of the opinion at that time that there was something wrong with HATHAWAY and that perhaps there should have been a follow-through on the old charges against him.

GUS HALL asked, Why does the CPSU raise this problem now? They have given us a "hot potato" and we cannot ignore it. He then asked, Didn't we publicize HATHAWAY's name when he was taken back into the Communist Party a few years ago? DENNIS said that there had been no publicity when HATHAWAY's membership was reinstated. Thus, when he was named to the National Committee of the CPUSA, the CPSU must have checked its records on him.

HALL and DENNIS agreed that they will have to try to keep HATHAWAY from gaining membership on the National Executive Committee. HALL said that he will have to talk to HATHAWAY. He may tell HATHAWAY that some forty people have complained that HATHAWAY may be a spy for the FBI. If only a couple of people had made this allegation, then it might be ignored. But some forty people cannot be ignored. Both HALL and DENNIS agreed that while they will have to put a stop to HATHAWAY's climb to the leadership of the Party, they will have to lay the ground work for a change-over in the leadership of the New York District. Meanwhile, an effort will be made to restrain HATHAWAY.

At about this point in the discussion, DENNIS exclaimed, "I am sick".

CHILDS stated he remembered that IRVING HERMAN had questioned the selection of CLARENCE HATHAWAY as a member of the National Committee and as Chairman of the New York District in view of the circumstances surrounding the expulsion of HATHAWAY from the Party. CHILDS said he had mentioned HERMAN's comments to PHIL BART. HALL stated, I know this, BART told me. It was

then decided to call IRVING HERMAN into the National Office of the CPUSA to ascertain if HERMAN has any information concerning HATHAWAY and, if so, why he did not raise it previously with the National Office.

During this discussion, it was brought out that LEON JOSEPHSON and ARNOLD JOHNSON are close personal friends. Since JOHNSON was a candidate for the chairmanship of the New York District, JOSEPHSON might have told him about the prior investigation of HATHAWAY and JOHNSON may have, in some manner, brought this to the attention of the CPSU.

HALL then recalled that when he was on the West coast recently, he talked with BURT NELSON at a meeting of National Committee members from the West coast. NELSON had stated that he had previously crossed over the border and had seen TIM BUCK, who was on a cross-country tour of Canada. NELSON said that BUCK had asked about the election of HATHAWAY to the National Committee. NELSON said that BUCK stated that there were some questions about HATHAWAY's suspicious role after World War I. BUCK stated, In fact, I may have been the one who first raised the issue at that time. NELSON said he told BUCK that he did not know anything about this.

This concluded the discussion about CLARENCE HATHAWAY at this meeting.

Biographies of Members of the National Committee of the CPUSA for the CPSU

CHILDS then told HALL and DENNIS that he had learned that the Central Committee of the CPSU wants biographies of members of the National Committee of the CPUSA. HALL said, Here we go again. Then he commented that he did not know the backgrounds of many of the members of the National Committee. EUGENE DENNIS also admitted this fact.

It was then decided that MORRIS CHILDS, PHIL BART, and JACK KLING will try to obtain biographies of the members of the National Committee at the meeting of the National Committee in Chicago on March 25-27, 1960. The members of the National Committee will be told that this information is for the National Office of the Communist Party - USA.

Overseas Trip of JOE NORTH

Both HALL and DENNIS told CHILDS that they want him to

let the CPSU know that JOE NORTH, who has a passport, will cover both the summit meeting and President EISENHOWER's trip to the Soviet Union for "The Worker". The suggestion should be made that NORTH be permitted to be in Moscow by May Day. He would then leave Russia to cover the summit meeting starting on May 15, 1960, and later would return to Russia to cover President EISENHOWER's trip. While in Europe, NORTH would visit Moscow, Paris, Rome, and other cities.

It is expected that while in Russia, NORTH will be a guest of the "Literature Gazette" and will be treated royally, since this publication, as well as "Pravda" and other publications of the Soviet Union, printed everything NORTH wrote about NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV's trip to the United States.

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MAO-Tse-tung REGARDS KHRUSHCHEV WITH CONTEMPT. MAO IS "A CULT OF THE PERSONALITY" PROBLEM TO THE CHINESE CP

In Moscow, in February, 1960, NY 694-S talked with T. TIMOFIEV (TIMMY DENNIS, son of the CPUSA National Chairman EUGENE DENNIS). TIMOFIEV, according to the informant, works closely with the Central Committee of the CPSU, and includes among his friends the sons of top Soviet and Chinese leaders, with whom he attended a university. Currently he is a member of a committee refered to as "The World Institute of Human Affairs", which is a department of the Central Committee of the CPSU.

According to TIMOFIEV, today in the Chinese CP there is a problem with respect to MAO, such as existed in the CPSU during the three-year period before STALIN's death. It is a "cult of personality" problem. The Chinese CP's concealment of this situation, however, is "perfect".

Also, according to TIMOFIEV, the Chinese consider themselves cultured and correct with respect to manners and protocol. KHRUSHCHEV, in Chinese eyes, is not a diplomat. He is crude and boisterous. MAO, who considers himself a sage, regards KHRUSHCHEV with contempt. This explains the Chinese lack of enthusiasm for KHRUSHCHEV when the latter is in China, and KHRUSHCHEV's subdued attitude when he is there.

On the surface it is impossible to see any flaws in the Soviet-Chinese relations. On the surface, everything is "correct". Economically, however, there are no disagreements.

In Prague, in talk with CHAO YI MIN, member of the Central Committee of the Chinese CP, Representative of the Chinese CP on the "World Marxist Review", and one of the editors of the said "World Marxist Review", the informant inquired about the whereabouts of WAN MIN.

(WAN, according to NY 694-S was the top Chinese CP leader during the formation of the CP in China. He favored establishing the CP in the cities, whereas MAO proposed to do so in the country. As a result of MIN's leadership the CP in China was almost annihilated, and MAO subsequently became a top leader.)

To the informant's inquiry, CHAO replied, "He's in Moscow - 'sick in the head'." He followed this remark by stating that the present Chinese Ambassador to Czechoslovakia is "sick in the head" and unlikely to retain his position very long.

The informant believes there may be some connection between "the sickness in the head" allegations with respect to Chinese leaders and the present alleged "cult of the personality" problem concerning MAO.

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TITO AND NEHRU ARE CAUSES OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE CHINESE CP. TITO HAS ENLISTED AID OF NASSER IN COMBATING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM.

While in Moscow during the period 2/10/60 to 2/29/60, NY 694-S conferred with T. TIMOFIEV, (TIMMY DENNIS, son of the CP, USA National Chairman EUGENE DENNIS) who is now approximately 30 years of age. TIMOFIEV, the informant learned in Moscow, is considered one of the rising younger Soviet leaders and works closely with the Central Committee of the CPSU, among whom he has many important contacts. He includes among his friends the sons of top Soviet and Chinese CP leaders. The sons of these leaders had attended schools and universities where TIMOFIEV had been a student. Currently he is a member of a committee referred to as "The World Institute of Human Affairs" which is a department of the Central Committee of the CPSU.

Regarding TITO and Yugoslavia, TIMOFIEV told the informant the following:

The CPSU would like to re-establish normal relations with the Yugoslav CP, and thereby "neutralize" TITO, keeping him from working in behalf of the Western bloc. TITO has been attempting to assume leadership of "the third force" in his struggle against international communism on the one hand, and against the imperialist nations on the other. The "third force" is Yugoslavia, representing national communism, plus the central bloc of nations which are neither in the international communist "orbit" ledd by the Soviet Union, or in the imperialist "camp" leds by the US.

TITO is trying to unite this "third force" on the basis of nationalism as such. He succeeded in inducing NASSER to join forces with him in combating international communism. The CPSU's desire to re-establish normal relations with the CP of Yugoslavia constitutes a basic political difference between the CPSU and the Chinese CP.

The Chinese consider TITO a revisionist, and since they regard revisionism as "the root of all evil", and the mortal enemy of communism, they firmly believe that revisionism cannot be "neutralized". The Chinese position is that "revisionism should be cauterized with a flaming sword of steel". They therefore strongly oppose the re-establishment of normal relations between the CPSU and the Yugoslav CP.

Another disagreement between the Chinese CP and the CPSU revolves around NEHRU of India. The Chinese would not deal with NEHRU whom they consider a confused nationalist, a weakling tending toward US imperialism. They have no respect for him.

With regard to NASSER and the United Arab Republic, the Soviet Union's economic relations with this group have been, and are remaining, normal. It is evident, however, that the political relations have changed. NASSER had sent a personal invitation to KRUSHCHEV to attend ceremonies incident to breaking ground for the Aswan Dam. KRUSHCHEV, replying to the invitation, told NASSER that if the people of Egypt had sent him the invitation, he would have accepted gladly, but that he would not accept a personal invitation from NASSER, "a near enemy of our country".

Owing to the political pressure of the Chinese CP on the CPSU, there is "a thinning out" of the political relations between the Soviet Union and NASSER.

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With respect to TITO and Yugoslavia, NICOLAI VLADIMIROVICH MOSTOVETS, head of the North and South American Sections of the International Department of the CCCPSU told the informant, while the latter was in Moscow, the following: The Soviets would like to re-establish normal relations between the CPSU and the CP of Yugoslavia, and they would like to do so soon, so that Yugoslavia might be "neutralized as a buffer". Recently an important member of the Yugoslav CP Politburo, who was also head of the Yugoslav trade unions, conferred with the Secretariat of the CPSU concerning the re-establishment of normal relations between the CPSU and the Yugoslav CP. There is one barrier, however, to establishing such normal relations, and that barrier is China. China is absolutely opposed to the CPSU's establishing normal relations with the Yugoslav CP.

TITO is not the real policy maker of Yugoslavia. He is completely under the domination of KARDAJL (ph), his political mentor. Should KARDAJL change his "line" tomorrow, TITO would do likewise.

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In Prague, according to NY 694-S, he discussed TITO and the Yugoslav situation with CHAO-YI-MIN, member of the Central Committee of the Chinese CP, who was also a representative of the Chinese CP to the "World Marxist Review" and one of the editors of the aforesaid publication. The informant asked CHAO whether the Chinese CP in the future might "recognize" TITO and the Yugoslav CP. CHAO replied, "Emphatically no!" CHAO then told NY 694-S the following:

TITO and his agents are engaged in anti-Communist and anti-Soviet activities in the Near East. In Iraq, TITO could not establish with KASSIM the same relations he had established with NASSER for the development of the Anti-Communist bloc. TITO plotted with NASSER to assassinate KASSIM, and a colonel of the Yugoslav Army was assigned to arrange the assassination of KASSIM.

The Soviet Union had presented identical limousines to NASSER and KASSIM, both cars having presumably bullet proof glass. From NASSER the Yugoslav colonel ascertained that there was a vulnerable spot in the glass which a bullet could penetrate. With the assistance of NASSER's agents, the Yugoslav colonel arranged for an assassin to be in a position where he could shoot KASSIM, as the latter seated himself in his limousine. At the moment when the assassin was in a position to fire a shot at KASSIM, the latter walked away from the car instead of entering it. The aforesaid plot was exposed by secret Soviet agents in Iraq.

CHAO concluded by saying that on the surface cordial relations exist between the CP of China and the CPSU. In the economic field, there are no problems. Yugoslavia, however, is responsible for some of the differences between the CPSU and the CP of China.

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NY 694-S returned to the United States on 3-10-60 following the fourth Solo mission to Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the Soviet Union. My memorandum 3-11-60 set forth the highlights of information received by the informant during this mission. The Director noted that dissemination of this information should be expedited on receipt of details.

By airtels 3-13-60, New York advised of the following information from NY 694-S. Soviet officials stated that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) desires to re-establish normal relations with Yugoslavia so that that country might be "neutralized as a buffer" and a discussion has been held by the Soviets and the Yugoslavians regarding this matter. The Chinese communists are opposing the re-establishment of this relationship because they feel the Yugoslavs are "revisionists." The opposition of the Chinese communists was verified by Chao Yi Min, member of the Central Committee of the CP of China with whom informant talked in Prague. Chao accused Tito and his agents of engaging in anticommunist tactics in the Near East. He alleged that Tito could not establish a relationship with Iraq similar to that in Egypt and had plotted with Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, to assassinate Abdel el-Kassem, Premier of Iraq. The plot was never fulfilled and was exposed by Soviet agents in Iraq.

The informant was told in Moscow that another disagreement in the CPSU revolves around Nehru of India. The Chinese consider Nehru to be a confused nationalist and a weakling who is tending toward U. S. imperialism.

ACTION:

Attached for your approval are appropriate communications incorporating pertinent data furnished by this informant. If you agree, these communications, with a "Top Secret" classification, will be forwarded to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, the Vice President; Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; Honorable Christian A. Herter, the Secretary of State; Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and the Attorney General.

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