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Washington, D.C. 20520

Case No.: 200706403 JUL 20 2009

Mr. John Young  
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New York, NY 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

I refer to our letter dated February 22, 2008, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

As you may recall, further coordination was required before a decision could be made as to the release of seven of the documents previously retrieved in response to your request, which originated with the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (USAIS).

The coordination has now been completed for all seven documents with the following results:

U5, U9 and U14 may be released without excisions on our part. Please note that documents U9 and U14 reflect excisions by USAIS on the grounds of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption (b)(6), which exempts information whose release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. If you wish to appeal these exemptions please contact the USAIS within 60 days by writing to the Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Office, USAIS Command, Fort George Meade, MD 20755-5995.

Documents U7 and U13 may also be released without excisions on our part. Please note, however, that USAIS exempted certain material under FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and the CIA exempted material under FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (3). Exemption (b)(1) provides for the withholding of information that is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign

relations. The (b)(3) exemption provides for the withholding of material that is specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, to wit, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Title 50 USC Section 403g). If you wish to appeal the USAIS exemptions please write to the address provided above. If you wish to appeal the CIA withholdings please write to that agency's Information and Privacy Coordinator, CIA, Washington, DC 20505.

We have excised material in documents U8 and U15 on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(1) and thus they may be released in part. Please note that the USAIS has exempted material under (b)(6) in document U15. With respect to material withheld by the Department of State, you have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. Appeals should be addressed to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LC, SA-2, Room 8100, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The letter of appeal should refer to the case number shown above.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services



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**SUBJECT: Soviet Espionage Activity, South America (C)**

**Re: U. S. Army Attache  
American Embassy  
Prague, Czechoslovakia**

1. (U) This letter and inclosure are in reply to your C-15-39, dated 23 December 1959, subject as above.

2. (C) The biographic information furnished herewith on Colonel Pyotr Pavlovich Sokolov is all releasable to Mr. Alberto Aden, Charge d'Affaires, Argentine Legation, Prague. The source of this information is the U. S. Army Attache, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

3. (C) OACSI files contain no information to indicate that Sokolov, either in the past or currently, has engaged in espionage activities. However, Sokolov as a Soviet attache stationed abroad is automatically suspected of such activities, in view of the established practice of Soviet Military Intelligence to deploy agents abroad under cover of military attache assignments.

4. (C) In a report dated 8 January 1960, ARIA Buenos Aires stated that no contact had been made with Sokolov since his departure in November 1959 "for a reported two-month leave"; however, that "Assistant Attache (Lt. Colonel Bogatyrev) stated on 21 December 1959 that Colonel Sokolov was to return some time, possibly in February 1960, after taking leave to Moscow...to participate in numerous ski competitions being held in Moscow. Further that he (Sokolov) was an excellent skier." ARIA Buenos Aires also said in this report that there was "strong speculation among official circles that Sokolov will not return to Argentina"; that "he is reported to have been under close surveillance by Argentine State Intelligence."

5. (C) We regret the lateness of this reply, which came about as the result of a series of administrative complications and hope that the information will still be useful to you in your ongoing program.

**FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:**

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Chief, Collection Division

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Reference is made to Embassy's Telegram 65 of September 26, 1961 requesting information on members of Soviet Commercial Mission. A check of the biographic files of the Washington intelligence community reveals the following information:

Petr Akimovich Zakharikhin served as both chief (1958-59) and assistant chief (1960) of the Soviet Commercial Mission in Morocco where he was involved in real estate purchases for the Soviet Union. He allegedly urged that part of the profits made by Moroccans on the transactions be diverted to the local Union Nationale des Forces Populaires (UNFP), a left-wing political party. Zakharikhin acted as Assistant Commercial Counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Paris from 1951 to 1953 where he was suspected of being connected with intelligence activities. He is married, has two children, and reportedly speaks French.

In January 1952 Anatoliy Belov was reported to be a legal consultant with the Main Administration for Soviet Property Abroad (GUSMZ) in Hungary and also a military interpreter in the Soviet Army reserves with the rank of junior lieutenant. When he graduated from the Law Faculty of the Institute of Foreign Trade in Moscow, in 1950, Belov was described as a bachelor earning an "average" income and as a diligent but avaricious Komsomol member.

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MEMO FOR RECORD: (18 Apr 63) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: Espionage Activities by Members of the USSR Delegation to the 19th ECAFE Conference, Manila (U)

CURRENT AND BACKGROUND: Inst memo fwds req to CIA for info contained in CAS repts re subj referred to in Dept of State Airgram No A-896, dtd 27 Mar 63. *not plus*

STATUS: Pending.

RATIONALE: To obtain info of interest to this office from CIA.

COORDINATION: None required.

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G2-080MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
ATTN: MR. D. F. SHELIVAN

SUBJECT: Colonel Ivan Ivanovich VOLCHODAEV (U)

1. The Army Attache, Afghanistan has reported that according to information furnished by a usually reliable source, Colonel Ivan Ivanovich VOLCHODAEV, Assistant Soviet Military Attache to Afghanistan, is definitely engaged in espionage activities in that country. No further information regarding espionage activities allegedly conducted by VOLCHODAEV were made available to the Army Attache, Afghanistan.

2. The foregoing report is forwarded for information.

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Lt. Colonel, GS

Assistant Chief

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Colonel, GS

Chief, Collection

Division, G-2

M/R: In AA/Afghanistan ltr 8 Aug 55, TSC 15386, G2 advised that Subj definitely known to be engaging in espionage activities in Afghanistan.

Inasmuch as FBI desires to know any such reports ref diplomatic personnel who may come to US, this so advises them. Info passed to CIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCYATTENTION: SUBJECT: Espionage Activities by Members of the USSR Delegation to the 19th  
ECAF Conference, Manila (U)

1. (C) Reference is made to Department of State Airgram Number A-896, dated 27 March 1963, concerning the "leak" of an intelligence report indicating that Soviet ECAF delegates were engaged in espionage activities in Manila.

2. (C) This office has a requirement for current information concerning personnel, modus operandi, recruitment techniques, and US military targets of the Soviet intelligence services in the Philippines. It would therefore be appreciated if you could make available to this office information contained in the above referenced CAS report.

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Kabul, Afghanistan  
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SUBJECT: Soviet Espionage Agent in Afghanistan (S)

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1. On 5 August 1955, the British Military Attache to Afghanistan told the Army Attache that he had "definite information" to the effect that Colonel I.I. VOICHODAEV (the Assistant Soviet MA) is engaged in espionage activities in Afghanistan. The British MA did not reveal his source for this information, nor did he give the Army Attache any other details. He stated the information was being furnished in strict confidence so that the Army Attache could follow it up utilizing his own source.

2.

3. As was indicated in our letter, S-2-55, dated 24 March 1955, subject: Social Relations with Soviet and Soviet Orbit Officialdom (U), information is available to the effect that Colonel Volchodaev was engaged in espionage activities while stationed with the Military Attache office in Teheran and it appears not unlikely that he would be assigned similar duties in this area. Further information will be forwarded if and when obtained.

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1. This office has no information on smuggling activities, espionage rings or any other organized operations directed at Kagnew Station. From time to time the Russian Military Attaches have indicated interest in Kagnew Station, but there is no indication that they have succeeded in these attempts.

2. Soviet Embassy personnel currently in Addis Ababa are as follows:

Ambassador  
Counsellor  
Commercial Counsellor  
Military Attache  
First Secretary  
Assistant Military Attache  
Second Secretary and Consul  
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It must be assumed that these officials are active in furthering the interests of the Soviet Government here. The Military Attache has shown increasing interest in countries peripheral to Ethiopia since his return from Moscow in the Summer of 1957. The Assistant Military Attache is apparently concentrating on Ethiopia proper. The Military Attaches of the Soviet Embassy have made several attempts to participate to a greater extent in the social life of Addis Ababa. They also have used the cocktail party-movie show evening as a means to approach Ethiopian officials. In other areas the Soviets have stepped up slightly their attempts at economic and cultural approaches to the Ethiopians. For example, they have increased the number of invitations to Ethiopians to visit Russia. They are reported to have made offers of economic assistance to the Ethiopian Government and on one occasion, utilizing the Czechs, they are reported to have offered Air Force assistants.

3. Perhaps the greatest advances by a communist nation in the penetration of Ethiopia have been made by the Yugoslav Government. Slavko Pecovic, Counsellor of Embassy, is the head of the Yugoslav communist party in Ethiopia. He is reported, also, to have attempted to form a party here and to recruit Ethiopians. Members of the Yugo-Ethiopian Company are also reported to be active in the Yugoslav communist party. The Yugoslavs recently received a contract to develop the port of Assab and have been rumored to be investigating the possibilities of improvements in the port of Massawa.

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Yugoslav economic advisors have prepared a study for the economic development of Ethiopia. However, the present status of this effort is not known.

4. The Czech trade mission to Ethiopia [redacted] more of an intelligence mission than a business one. [redacted] b6 is reported to be very inquisitive about many items not necessarily connected with trade.

The principal concern in the expansion of Yugoslav communistic activities here is the potential afforded the Soviets should they ever succeed in directing the activities of the Yugoslav communist party. A Yugoslav communist party operating in Ethiopia would provide the Soviets with a ready apparatus in being should the above occur.

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Suggest Adding That permanent Press Representative in residence in Addis as of Fall 1957 <sup>purpose</sup> for intelligence  
Utilization of ~~undisclosed~~ Ethiopians by the Soviets <sup>for intelligence</sup> is known to exist in only one instance though other unmentioned reports indicate this may not be an isolated example. Specifically a State Bank employee who also acted as a <sup>sales</sup> representative for Soviet publications in Ethiopia was involved in theft of documents ~~value~~ on behalf of the Russians. The same individual, also ~~was~~ involved in a blackmail operation implicating fellow employees in a tie with the Soviet Embassy and is now in custody on a charge of selling state secrets to a foreign power.

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