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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: REPORT OF INTERROGATION

DATE: 30 July 1963

1. Today's interrogation consisted of two short sessions (1410-1515, and 1610-1650). Subject was confronted with proof of his errors on Komsomol regulations, and also of basic geography in Kaliningrad Oblast. Questioning was confined to these two areas, and will be described below. In addition, there were some interesting additional indications that Subject may have spent some time in Soviet jail or prison camp.

2. KOMSOMOL:

a) Despite a number of leading questions and hints, Subject was unable to recall that Komsomol Congress (the 12th) took place in February 1954, while he was allegedly the Secretary of the SCD K/O. If he had really been a Komsomol Secretary at the time he should remember the Congress very well, since he would have been involved in its preparations. Told about it, Subject said that such Congresses took place practically every year. This is false; the previous Komsomol Congress, the 11th, was in 1949.

b) Subject again stated that he was sure that the maximum age for Komsomol members at that time was 27. Subject was shown the pertinent Komsomol regulations for the period, which provide that the maximum age is 26. Subject simply continued to insist that he is sure that he was excluded from the Komsomol in 1954 when he reached the age of 27, and that no exceptions were made for him. He did not comment on how he could be wrong on the regulations if he had been a Komsomol Secretary.

c) In the discussion of Komsomol regulations, Subject continued to insist that the dues were 2% for all members. He spotted the paragraph about 2% entry dues in the regulations that were shown to him and said that monthly dues were identical with entry dues. This is not so, but as we do not have a copy of the 1949 membership dues scale, I was not able to show him documentary proof of his error.

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d) Subject was again unable to describe how he was permanently registered as a member of the MVD K/O, how he performed his duties as a Secretary or what these duties were in connection with the 12th Domsomol Congress, or to name the Secretary of the MVD K/O.

3. Service in the Baltic: In the course of the discussion of his service in the Baltic in 1952, Subject made such incredible errors, and gave such lame descriptions of his work, that it is necessary to conclude that he did not serve there as an intelligence officer, and that if he has ever visited that area at all it was only very briefly.

a) Subject not only was unable to name the Chief of Intelligence of the 4th Naval Fleet, he could not even give his proper title (he insisted that his official designation was "nachalnik razvedki;" actually, of course, it should be "nachalnik razvedyvatelnogo upravleniya" of the 4th fleet).

b) Subject does not know the name of his immediate commanding officer, the chief of the MRP. Subject did not know the names of more than two of his fellow officers at the MRP. In an effort to answer this question he gave a name - YELISEYEV - that he had not once mentioned when under similar pressure in April 1964; it is apparent that he invented it on the spot.

c) Subject continued to insist that he served in "Sovetsk, Primorskiy Kray." Subject was then shown a map, and found that the name of the place where he had allegedly served was in fact Primorsk. Subject said that he couldn't understand why he had remembered it as Sovetsk, and said that he had never been in the city of Sovetsk. Subject was also shown the Administrative-Territorial Divisions of the USSR, and conceded that there is no Primorskiy Kray in the Soviet Union except the one in the Far East. Again, he had no explanation for his error. Oddly, after initially conceding his error, from time to time Subject continued to say that he thought that he was probably right after all, and that the village of Sovetsk was too small to appear on the map that he was shown.

d) In describing his initial arrival at the MRP, Subject said that he arrived in Kalingrad, then had to go by car from Kalingrad to Baltiyak because there was no

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railway to Baltiysk. He then went by car from Baltiysk to Primorsk. In reality there was and is a rail connection from Kaliningrad to Baltiysk, which passes through. (Subject was not told this, however.)

e) Subject admitted that he did not do any operational work at the MRP, and said that was why he was dissatisfied and wanted a transfer. However, Subject could not give a detailed or believable description of what his duties were. As he has done so often in the past, he attempted to divert the questioning by launching into what is evidently a prepared lecture about the concept of stay-behind operations. He was cut off.

4. (NOTE: In talking about his service in Kaliningrad Oblast, Subject has mentioned Primorsk, Sovetsk, and Zelenogradsk. It is interesting that towns of identical or closely similar names also exist in Leningrad Oblast: Primorsk, Sovetskiy, and Zelenogorsk. Both Zelenogradsk and Zelenogorsk are resorts. The Primorsk and Sovetskiy in Leningrad Oblast are both on the coast, about 10-12 kilometers from each other. Bearing in mind that Subject has previously described working in the woods in Leningrad Oblast in 1945 under conditions that sound very similar to forced labor, it is possible that there is some clue here as to how Subject's legend was prepared. At this stage, however, it is not possible to draw any firm conclusions and the coincidence is simply noted for future reference.)

5. In the course of the four days of interrogation to date, there have been a number of indications which tend to confirm previous impressions that Subject may have spent some time as a prisoner in a Soviet jail or prison camp. As some of these have not been noted in the previous interrogation reports it may be convenient to summarize them here:

a) On 28 July Subject made the intriguing remark, "tyurennyy opyt otrabatyvalsya." This was in answer to my question about how he kept track of the days.

b) On 30 July, Subject voluntarily launched into a long and detailed explanation of how he keeps track of the days in his present circumstances. A possible explanation for this unsolicited description is that Subject had reflected on the implications of his remark on 28 July.

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c) On 28 July, while I was asking Subject about the number of his Party membership card (which he did not remember) Subject said, "I don't even remember my personal KGB number." I immediately asked Subject when such personal serial numbers had been instituted in the KGB, and he replied that he didn't remember, that no one carried them with them but kept them in the safe, that they were intended for wartime purposes.

COMMENT: Personal serial numbers never existed either in the army or in the KGB, and to the best of our knowledge they do not exist now. The only place in Soviet society where such numbers existed is in the prison camps: this was one of the chief grievances and complaints that the prisoners made in the famous Vorkuta uprisings of 1953.

d) In previous interrogations Subject has described working in the forests outside of Leningrad for two months in 1944. The conditions that he described sound much more like forced labor than that of a military unit.

e) Although tattooing is certainly practised to some extent in the Soviet Navy, Komsomol and Party pressures restrict this to a considerable degree. The number and extent of Subject's tattoos is more characteristic of young jailbirds.

f) Subject's account of the handshooting episode suggests one possible way that he might have wound up in jail. Certainly this incident could not have been taken as lightly in wartime as he would have us believe.

g) Subject's story about a 15 day sentence in the Lyubyanka because of the [redacted] incident suggests that this may have been inserted in his legend to cover slips stemming from long prison experience, and possibly also to help him in passing the polygraph.

h) Subject's earlier accounts about fighting at Tuapse, running away from school, etc. also have several references to prison that may be significant. He once referred to the military unit in which he allegedly joined in Baku as a "penal battalion", he returned to the school "under guard," upon arrival in Moscow he was "arrested."

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