

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION	PROCESSING ACTION
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TO	Chief, SB Division		DISPATCH FOR RECORD
INFO	Chief, WH Division		AS RECORDS SECTION
FROM	Chief of Station, Mexico City		ONLY QUALIFIED FOR DISPATCH SECTION
SUBJECT	REDTOP/LCIMPROVE - Georgiy Mikhaylovich RATIANI (201-093125)		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
REFERENCES: A. DIRECTOR-01888, May 1966 B. MEXICO CITY-8788, August 1966 C. 1554, August 1966 D. MEXICO CITY-8201, August 1966 E. MEXICO CITY-8308, August 1966 F. MEXICO CITY-8337, August 1966 1. As reported in the References, Subject visited Mexico from 6 to 16 August 1966. Contrary to the report in Reference E, Subject was shepherded around Mexico by Vladimir Agafonovich DOLGOV (201-763035), Pravda correspondent in Mexico and probable KGB officer. <u>in contact with G.M. Ratian, 201-093125</u> 2. LICALLA reported seeing Subject on 8 August 1966 in the company of DOLGOV and Nikolay Sergeyevich LEONOV (201-132139), Press Attache and known KGB. <u>LILYRIC reported seeing Subject as follows: in contact with G.M. Ratian, 201-093125</u> 8 August 66, 0908 Hours: Subject entered the Soviet Embassy with DOLGOV in the latter's car. 1022 Hours: Subject and DOLGOV left the Embassy in DOLGOV's car. 1314 Subject and DOLGOV entered the Embassy in DOLGOV's car. 1356 Subject and DOLGOV left the Embassy in DOLGOV's car. 9 August 66, 1600 Hours: Subject and DOLGOV entered the Embassy in DOLGOV's car. - CONTINUED - Attachments: A. Revasclip B. Photo Distribution: 2 - CSB, w/att., H/W ; 1 - CWB, w/o att. CS COPY 201-093125			
CROSS REFERENCE TO	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER	DATE	
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9 August 66, 1630 Hours:	Subject and Vladislav Sergeyevich KORNUSHKIN (201-744341), Vice Consul and probably KGB, left the Embassy in the car belonging to Boris Sergeyevich ZOBNIN (201-204438), Commercial Office employee and known KGB officer, who is now on leave. KORNUSHKIN has been occasionally using ZOBNIN's car since the latter has been away. <i>CONFIDENTIAL WITH C.M. RATIAU, 201-893125</i>	
1730	Subject and KORNUSHKIN returned to the Embassy in ZOBNIN's car.	
1744	Subject left the Embassy with Aleksandr Aleksandrovich NIKITIN (201-784917), Soviet Films representative and suspect KGB officer, in NIKITIN's car. <i>CONFIDENTIAL WITH C.M. RATIAU, 201-893125</i>	
12 August 66, 1556 Hours:	Subject and DOLGOV entered the Embassy in DOLGOV's car.	
1735	Subject and DOLGOV left the Embassy in DOLGOV's car.	
13 August 66, 1152 Hours:	Subject and DOLGOV entered the Embassy in DOLGOV's car.	
1156	Subject and DOLGOV left the Embassy in DOLGOV's car.	
3. The following information is from LIFEAT on the DOLGOV and LEONOV lines. DOLGOV had originally tried to find hotel accommodations for Subject, but since all the hotels were full, Subject finally stayed with DOLGOV. Just before Subject arrived in Mexico, DOLGOV spoke to LEONOV about where to take Subject, saying that he wanted to get in touch with "Rebet Sharko" (phonetic, no Station traces), who LEONOV said was in Veracruz. Subject and DOLGOV were in Veracruz from 10 to 12 August 1966. They also hoped to see General Heriberto JARA Corona, an old friend of the Soviets', in Veracruz. Subject and DOLGOV hoped to visit the Dominican Republic but never received visas. The day before Subject's arrival, DOLGOV spoke to "Suarez" (probably Luis SUAREZ Lopez of the Marxist magazine Siempre), who told DOLGOV that Marcio MEJIA Ricart from the Dominican Republic was there with him, and DOLGOV asked MEJIA to leave his address in the Dominican Republic so that DOLGOV (and Subject) could visit him when they went there. On 13 August 1966, apparently having given up on the Dominican Republic, they tried to get plane tickets to Ciudad Juarez, but because of the U. S. airline strikes no planes were available.		
4. Subject reportedly had or attempted to have interviews with the following people in Mexico (Source: LIFEAT) :		
a. Subject was in contact with the Agence France Press correspondent Robert Maurice KATZ (201-104222) several times during his stay in Mexico. KATZ had been informed of Subject's visit by "Monsieur Foster" (phonetic).		
b. At 1730 hours on 8 August 1966 Subject and LEONOV had an appointment to visit the Marxist newspaper <u>El Dia</u>. "Senor Javier" (not identifiable) was to be at <u>El Dia</u> for the appointment.		
c. On 9 and again on 12 August 1966 DOLGOV asked for an appointment for Subject with LIENVOY-1. The latter was out of town, and although his secretary said she would call as soon as he came back, probably Subject did not see him.		
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d. On 9 and again on 12 August 1966 DOLGOV tried to get an appointment for Subject with Agustin LECORRETA Lopez, Director of the Banco Nacional. Finally DOLGOV was told that LECORRETA was out of town and that an interview would not be possible in any case because of the bank's policy. e. On 9 August 1966 DOLGOV asked for an appointment for Subject with Gabriel ALARCON, Jr., Public Relations Director of the (moderate) newspaper El Heraldo de Mexico. Attached is a clipping showing Subject with ALARCON during an interview on 10 August 1966. f. Yugoslav Tanjug correspondent, ^{Moze} RAFAJLOVIC sent regards to Subject through Valentin Ivanovich KUCHEROV (201-753217), ^{ST-32} representative in Mexico and probably KGB. RAFAJLOVIC said he had met Subject in Paris. KUCHEROV mentioned that he had taken Subject to El Heraldo (cf. above). Apparently Subject did not talk personally with RAFAJLOVIC in Mexico. not a copy of the S.M. Review, 201-89325 g. DOLGOV and Subject had an appointment at noon on 12 August 1966 to visit Luis SUAREZ Lopez at the (Marxist) magazine <u>Sierpre</u>. h. The evening of 12 August 1966 DOLGOV made arrangements for Subject to meet Luis SANCHEZ Arriola, newspaperman with the (Marxist) newspaper <u>El Dia</u>. On 13 August 1966 SANCHEZ Arriola planned to meet Subject and DOLGOV at noon and take them to the Venezuelan (?) Embassy (presumably in regard to Subject's visa, but it seems odd that SANCHEZ Arriola needed to take them there). 5. LIENVOY reported the following additional contacts of Subject's in Mexico: a. Vladimir Ivanovich ²⁰ SHEPAKOVICH (201-343894), Third Secretary and known KGB, made an appointment for Subject to meet <u>Dr. Eusebio DAVALOS Hurtado, Director of the National Museum of Anthropology</u> at 1100 hours on 13 August 1966 at his home. b. On 15 August 1966 Subject and DOLGOV talked to the Mexican Foreign Minister, Antonio CARRILLO Flores. The appointment was arranged by Guillermo TARDIFF, Press Chief of the Mexican Foreign Office. c. Aleksandr Aleksandrovich ^{2K} NIKITIN (201-784917), Soviet Film representative in Mexico and suspect KGB, sent a letter with Subject to Carlos PLAZA Izquierdo, a film distributor in Venezuela. PLAZA Izquierdo did not, however, meet Subject, because he had left Venezuela on 14 August 1966 for Colombia and had then come to Mexico on 20 August 1966. 6. According to LIFEAT, Subject speaks reasonably good French, which he prefers to Spanish. Subject can also make himself understood in Spanish and English. 7. Subject's relationships with the Soviets in Mexico is of interest, as reported in LIENVOY and LIFEAT. As stated above, DOLGOV was in charge of Subject during his stay in Mexico. DOLGOV asked LEONOV's help in getting appointments with local press representatives. KUCHEROV took Subject around at DOLGOV's request, and DOLGOV also asked KUCHEROV to go with him to the airport to see Subject off. At Subject's request, NIKITIN got a copy of a local commercial movie, "Whisky and Vodka," and had a film showing the evening of 9 August 1966. NIKITIN told DOLGOV that he had better bring a bottle of vodka along, because the "chief" was also coming to the showing. Earlier that day KGB resident Sergey Sergeyevich KONSTANTINOV (201-101794) had said that he was coming to a meeting with Subject.		
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to the showing and asked whether he could bring his wife. Since the Ambassador was not in Mexico, it appears that KONSTANTINOV was meant by "the chief." Also, on 13 August 1966 DOLGOV was told to come to the Soviet Embassy at 1100 hours and bring Subject along. When DOLGOV demurred, saying that they had an appointment, the Embassy duty officer told DOLGOV that this was business. DOLGOV asked if it was "upstairs," and when the duty officer said he thought so, then DOLGOV said they would come. This seems to indicate a KGB meeting in the secure area of the Embassy. Since all of the above Soviets in contact with Subject are known or suspect KGB officers, the ASLADLE tentative identification of Subject as KGB reported in Reference A seems supported by Subject's activities in Mexico. It is also noted from LIFEAT that on 12 August 1966 Radio Moscow correspondent Ruslan Aleksandrovich TUCHENIN (201-203304), who is suspect CIU and in any case not believed to be a KGB officer, asked DOLGOV to bring him for a drink but added that there was no point in dragging Subject along. 8. According to LIFEAT, on 16 August 1966 Subject's plane was grounded in Panama. The plane could not be fixed, but on 17 August 1966 a KLM plane was made available and Subject flew to Caracas. He was staying at the Hotel Tamanaco, room 531 in Caracas. 9. Attached is a photograph of Subject taken by LILYRIC on 8 August 1966. <i>Jonathan L. Tice</i> for WILLARD C. CURTIS CS COPY 201-093125		
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