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Attachment herewith is a brief summary of certain points of interest discussed during the course of two meetings which SOURCE has had with KNAUER after the latter's debriefing by Arthur J. Farley (SAC-Q10302, 8 May 1961). It will be recalled that SOURCE had been in contact with KNAUER before Farley's visit, and in discussing the case with Farley, it was decided that there was no harm in SOURCE continuing the relationship. The material in this summary is for background information only. Any direct reference to it in conversations with KNAUER would, of course, probably compromise SOURCE.

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On 14 June 1961, SOURCE met KANTER, chairman of the 14th to discuss the possibility of a shorter trip over SOURCE's flat after he left the country, as it would be more comfortable for him in finite time, which KANTER thought would suit SOURCE's requirements rather well. SOURCE said "no" to this idea, as instructed by his S/C. During this meeting KANTER also asked SOURCE if he would like to make a car trip of about three weeks to the Soviet Union with he and his girl friend. He said that he planned to rent a car for about 1200 Danish kroner, and planned to make the trip with four people sharing the expenses. He suggested SOURCE take a girl or girl and another man. He told SOURCE that the trip would be long as possible and that some money could be saved by tour starting with his relatives in Leningrad. He suggested the possible routes: one, through Sweden and Finland the usual way to Leningrad, and then on to Moscow and back through Belarus; the alternative was through East Germany and Poland to Prag, Wroclaw, Moscow, and return the same way or another southerly route. The trip could be accomplished for about 150.00 per person, according to KANTER's estimate. SOURCE said that KANTER felt so strongly about making this trip that he even offered to personally absorb any of SOURCE's expenses in excess of this estimated cost, within, as he put it, "several hundred kroner." KANTER said that he would like to have SOURCE's decision about making the trip as soon as possible, and they agreed that SOURCE would consider the idea and give KANTER his answer at dinner in SOURCE's flat on Monday, the 18th.

KANTER also stated, that should this Russian trip not materialize, he would then probably make a short visit to Yugoslavia as a fact look at Slavic areas before returning to the United States. He told SOURCE that he planned to return home by ship about the first week in September and will attend the special language program at Fordham University. (This is the same program for which he failed to get a scholarship.) KANTER said that it would be a difficult time for him financially, as the tuition alone for this course is \$900 per year.

Meeting on 19 June 1961: During the course of conversation, SOURCE told KANTER that he could not make the trip. KANTER stated that he would then not make the trip, implying that it would be too expensive at this time to try to organize it along the lines mentioned at their previous meeting. KANTER was still most interested to make the trip and to see Russia once more before going back to the U.S., according to SOURCE. KANTER stated that he and his girl will now take the trip to Yugoslavia as an alternative. He was also most disappointed in the fact that he had not met MITISCH, a friend of Carl Kaner, the painter, who is working for MAXWELL in Moscow. SOURCE subsequently reported that KANTER and his girl left Copenhagen on 1 July bound for Yugoslavia via Munich and Venice.)

Various Subjects Discussed by KANTER and SOURCE

US and Soviet Foreign Policy: KANTER stated that Russia had honored all of her agreements at Yalta and Potsdam, and that the US really had no legal rights in West Berlin, especially since Russia had moved out of the eastern Sector of the city - at least legally, he added. He feels that neither the US nor Russia is totally in the right. KANTER stated that he was favorable to the USA and hoped that it would soon begin to do something constructive, especially in our foreign policy, but that (here SOURCE is not absolutely certain that he interpreted KANTER's meaning correctly) if Russia were the first to do the constructive thing, then he would have to stick with them. SOURCE felt here that KANTER meant that thus far the US has done nothing to alleviate the situation in West Berlin.

KANTER's Attitude About Interrogation v. Confession: It was reported that on this date, SOURCE met KANTER at a flat he has in the Karina, adjacent to SOURCE's, stories from the 14th to 16th floor that everything he has done up until now has been legal. KANTER said that he had no information straight from the USA, including USSR, KANTER had not received his clearance from our own State Dept. That he had not been able to get this clearance is due to the fact that he had not yet been granted his first-class security clearance. SOURCE stated that he had been granted his first-class security clearance, but KANTER had not yet received his. SOURCE stated that he had been granted his first-class security clearance, but KANTER had not yet received his.

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KWANTZ: Background: Kwantz was born in 1916 in New York City. He grew up in Brooklyn, a Jewish neighborhood. His father was a carpenter, his mother a housewife. He attended public schools in Brooklyn, and graduated from Brooklyn College in 1938 with a degree in chemistry. In 1940 he married a woman named Sophie, and they had two children, a son and a daughter. They moved to New Jersey in 1942, where Kwantz worked as a chemist for a pharmaceutical company. In 1945, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Europe during World War II. After the war, he returned to New Jersey and continued his work in chemistry. In 1950, he moved to New York City and began working for a pharmaceutical company. In 1955, he became a citizen of the United States. In 1960, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he currently resides. He is a member of the Communist Party and has been involved in various political activities, including the Civil Rights Movement and the anti-war movement. He is also a member of the American Federation of Teachers.

KWANTZ Background: In discussing his lack of prejudice, KWANTZ told SOURCE that he felt that this was a product of his environment. He told SOURCE that he had been brought up in that section of the East Bronx which was markedly progressive, heavily integrated, and very Communist (in the 1950's). This section was built up of the labor units and the big apartment projects which they financed, were always heavily communal - or community - oriented. KWANTZ also stressed the fact that whatever KWANTZ is he is first a Jew. He grew up speaking Yiddish and didn't learn English until he was about 7 years old. He still can speak Yiddish and still retains many of his family's Orthodox Jewish customs. For example, while he does not keep a strictly kosher home, he does not, according to SOURCE, eat meat and milk together and he does not eat pork of any kind. His girl friend here, Lisa, with whom he has lived for a long time and whom he plans to marry in August or September, has become a Jew, although KWANTZ disclaimed any influence in her decision. SOURCE stated that he felt that KWANTZ's childhood environment and his religion had a great deal of influence on his present beliefs and philosophy.

Further Comments by KWANTZ: SOURCE has stressed several times the fact that it was difficult for him ever to gain the confidence of KWANTZ although he himself is a Jew. SOURCE said he felt that KWANTZ has an inherent distrust of people whom he doesn't know extremely well and particularly if they are not Jews. SOURCE also said that one of the characteristics he noted about KWANTZ was his ability to be very vague about certain subjects and certain parts of his life. One part of this vagueness, according to SOURCE, concerned KWANTZ's two trips to Russia. He told SOURCE that he stayed with his relatives in Russia on the regular basis of his wife but was very reticent to discuss either of the trips in detail. SOURCE stated that this was one of the strange things about KWANTZ in that at one point he could be as clear as "you can imagine" and at another point he would be

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