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11 March 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT : ~~LESNIK, George M. (A)~~  
#262 622 C SD/1

1. Reference is made to Headquarters letter of assignment in this case dated 4 March 1964.

2. During the period 20-28 February 1964, while SUBJECT was under the protective custody of Special Agents Stanley C. LACH, George R. BREWER and Alfred B. McGARRAGHY, SUBJECT voluntarily furnished information concerning his background and activities, as well as other information of operational interest, the substance of which is set forth in the succeeding paragraphs. It is to be noted that at no time did any of the above-named agents solicit any of this information or make inquiries of the SUBJECT regarding any of the matters discussed by him. SUBJECT spontaneously related these incidents in casual conversation during leisure periods and while enroute with the agents to and from places of entertainment etc. In most cases newspapers, magazines and TV programs prompted the SUBJECT to make comments relative to these matters. Following is a summarization of this information:

SPORTS, HOBBIES

(a) On 20 February 1964 SUBJECT disclosed that he enjoys the following sports: football, hockey and billiards.

FOREIGN TRAVEL

(b) He also revealed that he has previously been in the United States while enroute to Cuba, Venezuela and other Latin American countries. He has at one time or another during his service with the KGB visited and worked on operational projects for the Soviet Union in practically all of the countries of Europe; however, he has never

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traveled to the Far East, except while handling an agent who was active against the Japanese. He (SUBJECT) stayed in the Kurile Islands which are within sight of Japan. This was in 1949. He said that he was active in the picking up of agents by plane and ship in this area.

#### FAMILY BACKGROUND

(c) In the latter part of the evening on this same date, 20 February 1964, the SUBJECT stated that his father was a member of the Communist Central Committee, one of the first members of the Communist Party, and that he had great respect for his father. The SUBJECT also indicated that his father was a shipbuilder and later became one of the first to organize and set up the Russian Atomic Energy Plant. It was during this latter activity that he (the SUBJECT's father) and three other officials came in contact with radiation, which affected his father's liver and a few years later at the age of 54 his father died of cancer. The SUBJECT went on to state that his father, being a very prominent Communist, was given treatment for this cancer in a special hospital which is located in the hills outside of the city of Moscow, and during his tenure in this hospital the family resided with his father. They had five room living quarters beside the room in which his father was confined. This privilege, he said, is only given to the especially prominent VIPs of the Communist Party, indicating that his father was one of the top men in the Communist Party.

#### MILITARY ACTIVITY

(d) The SUBJECT revealed that in 1949, at the age of 16, he was a Naval Cadet. He was called into the service before graduating from what is our equivalent of a high school. He had taken part in the fighting in the Black Sea Area where he described hand-to-hand combat with Germans, claimed he was wounded, and because of his bravery he was awarded the Soviet Order Medal and the Order of Stalin. The SUBJECT stated this was unusual for a person of his age and gained him great respect. At the end of the war he had no more desire for military life although his superiors tried to keep him in the military. Instead, he went for four years to the Institute of Foreign Relations and learned the English language. Upon graduation, a man came to him and told him that he had a job lined up for him. He stated that this actually was more like being ordered to take this particular job which turned out

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