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1. Attached for European Division are English language translations of the press clippings concerning Willem OLTMANDS mentioned in the references together with copies of the original Dutch language press articles.

2. Also attached is compilation of OLTMANDS' contacts with the Soviets which was prepared by SYMPATHIZER. The latter requests this material be treated as very sensitive as it is based almost exclusively upon technical coverage of SYWEB.

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On 29 December 1971 OLTMANS invited the Cultural Attache of the Russian Embassy KUZNETSOV for an evening in his house. The invitation was also for some other members of the Russian Representation. At the same time OLTMANS was to invite some six important journalists; KUZNETSOV should ask OPALEV and IZWEKOV to come along with him. The date agreed on originally was 11 January 1972. It then was changed twice. When 14 January also wasn't suitable, it was agreed on 7 January to make the date for 18 January 1972 at 20.00 hrs. From the invitation it could only be inferred that OLTMANS wanted to offer his guests an opportunity for an informal discussion.

About the background of the present good relations of OLTMANS with the Soviet Representation in The Netherlands, section B is able to report the following:

(This information comes from vulnerable source - OPPERBAAS.)

1. In September 1970 OLTMANS says with some surprise that he suddenly received an invitation to a party at the Russian Embassy. He thinks it crazy; he doesn't belong to that club at all. But his thinking is along the lines of those people.

2. In October 1970 OLTMANS appears to be interested in an interview with KOSYGIN's son-in-law GVISHIANI who allegedly was connected with American-Russian discussions about forming a mutual "thinking factory". Presumably this had some connection with the so called Club of Rome in which GVISHIANI plays a role. Remark: GVISHIANI is chairman of the state committee for science and technology and is suspected to be a highly placed Intelligence Officer.

3. Beginning March 1970 OLTMANS contacted the Press Attache OPALEV from the Russian Embassy; OLTMANS would still like to have an interview with GVISHIANI. It would be a filmed interview in which OLTMANS would cooperate with the NOS. (TV). In this period OPALEV's cooperation does not yet seem very extensive.

4. Thanks to the cooperation of Aurelio PECCEI, chairman of the Club of Rome, OLTMANS at the end of April 1971 succeeded in getting in contact with GVISHIANI in Paris. Also present at this discussion was the former member of the Russian Embassy FEDEROVSKY, now chief of protocol of the state committee for science and technology.
2.

At this opportunity GVISHIANI immediately invited OLTMSANS for a visit to Moscow. FEDEROVSKY was instructed to inform the Russian Embassy in The Hague about it.

GVISHIANI who at the same time is chairman of the commission for environment administration in the Soviet Union, asked OLTMSANS to make a film at the same time about the environment administration in the Soviet Union to support the international environment conference to be held this year.

5. Beginning May it becomes clear that since OLTMSANS' discussion with GVISHIANI, OPALEV's attitude towards OLTMSANS has greatly changed. OPALEV is now all willingness.

In May OLTMSANS makes his film with GVISHIANI and receives an invitation to come to the Soviet Union for the second half of August and the whole of September, where he could film ten scientific institutes.

GVISHIANI told OLTMSANS that he had complete trust in him.

6. In June 1971 OLTMSANS again contacted GVISHIANI, this time in Vienna, where there was a meeting of the Club of Rome.

7. Beginning October 1971 OLTMSANS again saw GVISHIANI in Paris, where, among other things, he spoke to him about his visit to The Netherlands in the second week of October.

OLTMSANS did his best to oblige GVISHIANI while visiting The Netherlands by trying to establish business relations for him (for instance with Philips).

8. In November 1971 OLTMSANS received an offer from the Russian state television an offer for a five year contract to make exclusive films in the Soviet Union.

This offer was made to OLTMSANS during his visit to the Soviet Union. It is concretization of the earlier offer by GVISHIANI to film a number of scientific institutes in the Soviet Union. On 17 November OLTMSANS allegedly discussed this business further with GVISHIANI in Geneva.

9. On 23 January 1972 OLTMSANS will make another visit to Moscow to discuss making the above mentioned films without the participation of the NOS. At this opportunity OLTMSANS will leave behind a memo about LUNS in connection with OLTMSANS' present agitation against the Secretary-General of NATO.

OLTMSANS wants to prevent LUNS getting any future opportunity to visit Moscow.

10. Referring to the meeting in OLTMSANS' house on 18 January 1972 it can be reported that on 17 January 1972 OLTMSANS stated that he is again seeking reaction from the Russians who will visit him on 18 January; their reaction in connection with OLTMSANS' request to the general prosecutor of the High Council to bring action against LUNS.
In the morning on 18 January OLMANS also stated that KUZNETSOV said that OLMANS' action against LUNS will not succeed because the "bosses" stand behind LUNS.
It is not clear when KUZNETSOV said this to OLMANS, but it is known that OLMANS recently attended a meeting where a number of Russians were present.
(Possibly the meeting of the Association "Nederland-USSR" with the delegation from "USSR-Nederland" on 14 January 1972.)

11. On 19 January 1972 it was reported that HOFLAND (one of the guests invited to the evening in OLMANS' house) called before his arrival and asked whether he could bring a friend.
Afterwards this friend appeared to be Peter ZONNEVELD from De Telegraaf.
OLMANS said that at the press conference which he (OLMANS) will give on 20 January 1972 several guests, Milo ANSTADT, Rob KOPUIT and Jaap JANSEN will defend OLMANS against the attack on him in "De Telegraaf" of this morning.