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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: William MARTIN, former NSA employee 201-282338

SOURCE: (201-934603), a free-lance photographer and photo-retoucher for various journals and publishing houses in Moscow, Izvestiya and Novosti Press Agency among them. He was born in 1922 and emigrated from the USSR in February 1975. His reporting reliability has not been established.

DATE OF INFORMATION: 1968-1975

DATE OF DEBRIEFING: 9 July 1975

This memorandum is written in response to paragraph 4 of the SE/CI/I requirements memorandum of 25 June 1975.

1. Source has known William MARTIN since 1968-69, when Subject moved into a different block of the same apartment complex in which Source resided in Moscow. About a year ago, Subject moved to a new apartment on Leninskiy Prospekt, the exact address of which is unknown to Source.
2. Source, in his talks with Subject, never discussed the methods of exfiltration used by the Soviets to get Subject from Washington, D.C. to Moscow.
3. Source stated that Subject is certainly watched constantly by the K.G.B. and that the circle of reprobates and profligates which has gathered around Subject is infiltrated by a large number of K.G.B. informers. However, Source could name no individuals for whom he has more than an intuitive suspicion of being K.G.B. informers reporting on Subject. Subject did inform Source that he had signed a document promising the Soviet Government that he will not travel more than 30 kms. outside of Moscow. If Subject is ever found to have traveled outside this limit, the document provides that he may be indicted as a spy solely on that basis.
4. Source could point to no specific evidence indicating that any other residents of Subject's former apartment building were K.G.B. employees.

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5. Source met Subject's colleague in defection, MITCHELL, only once. The meeting took place at Subject's apartment in Source's former apartment complex. Source only knows that MITCHELL is leading a normal life as a mathematician. Source described MITCHELL - in comparison with Subject - as a "normal guy."

6. Source offers only impressionistic accounts of Subject's current lifestyle. Subject continues to live a life of immorality and wastefulness on the 400 ruble a month dole he is given by the K.G.B. Although Source can give no specific evidence of this, he is sure that Subject is constantly followed by K.G.B. surveillants who will allow him to do anything except initiate or accept contact with foreign journalists.

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