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The current edition of "Monsters Accredited to the Department of the Navy," published by the Foreign Liaison Section, Office of Naval Intelligence,-listed Congressman Leo A. Votergin as an Assistant Naval Aide, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D.C. 

On January 7, 1964, a confidential source advised that [redacted] saw Votergin at his residence and that talks about various problems were held to meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m., the following day, January 8, 1964, at a local Washington, D.C., restaurant. Votergin stated that he was presently confined to bed with the flu and he would make every effort to accept the source in his sickness did not warrant. He appeared extremely anxious to hear from [redacted] stating that he thought the source had forgotten him.

On January 9, 1964, this source advised that [redacted] not Votergin at approximately 12:30 p.m., on January 8, 1964, in accordance with previously made arrangements. He also told the source that he was currently in bed with no contact attempts due to the lengthy period since their last meeting.

They discussed the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Votergin commented, "it virtually impossible to have prevented the assassination, but considered the subsequent slaying of Oswald to be inevitable. He commented "we should never have let this happen." Source noted that in the past Votergin had always been quick to call him on insinuations referring to this country, but was considerably more diplomatic in this instance. The source noted that this had been the first time that Votergin wished to associate himself in some degree with the people of this country when he included himself in those to blame for Oswald's murder."
They discussed the possibility that both of these deaths may have been part of a political plot with both agreeing that it was possible, but not probable.\[69\]

Vertzin commented that it looked very much like he would remain in this country for another year, which prompted me to join him in the effect that if Vertzin is here next January, he will be taking out naturalization papers. Vertzin in the same vein asked that the source point be that.\[71\] I passed it off and changed the subject.\[72\]

Vertzin stated that assignment he expected after his tour in the United States, suggested that he would continue in diplomatic work, since he did not think he had enough experience to warrant command of a Naval vessel. Vertzin stated he hoped to remain in the Soviet Union for at least a year on this before receiving another foreign assignment, but this was far from certain.\[74\]

Vertzin stated that it would be almost impossible for him to travel to the vicinity of \[obscured\] since it was within an area closed to foreign travel. He added that even if the trip were possible, that his wife could not accompany him since she is now working part-time at the Soviet Embassy.\[76\]

Vertzin did not believe that his daughter would be allowed to visit in the United States during the coming year, however, plans were made for a reunion of their respective families if she were allowed to visit.\[78\]

Vertzin implied to contact him immediately upon his next visit to Washington, D.C. so they could "do the town," and the source promised to do so.\[80\]
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