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On August 7, 1962, Reverend Charles J. McFadden, Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, furnished the following information on a confidential basis. In connection with the data set forth hereafter regarding the photographs taken by Father McFadden, he stated he did not particularly wish to be identified as the source of these photographs, but that, if it is necessary for another agency to further question him concerning the photographs, he would be available.

On the late afternoon of July 2, 1962, he took photographs of the dock area in the port of Leningrad, Russia, from the bridge of the SS "Argentine." He was subsequently informed by the officers of the SS "Argentine" that no photographs of the dock area were to be taken. Security in the dock area was extremely "tight" for American tourists and it was necessary to present a passport at the gangway upon leaving the ship and also at a check point approximately one-half mile from the ship at the entrance to the pier. All passengers aboard the SS "Argentine" were shuttled by bus to the Astoria Hotel in Leningrad.

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From conversations with crew members of the SS "Argentine" he determined that the Greek ship "Hariklia" from Piraeus, Greece, was, on July 2, 1962, in the process of unloading sugar from Cuba and planned to take a load of coal to Cuba. A Greek crewman stated that a Cuban ship located further up the dock planned to take a large shipment of Soviet trucks to Cuba. He, Father McFadden, took photographs of these trucks. When the sugar was unloaded from the Greek ship, it was placed under a heavy tarpaulin extended one-quarter mile up the wharf. He observed the sugar being loaded into boxcars.

In conversation with Captain Simmons of the SS "Argentine" he ascertained that several members of a Cuban ship further up the dock had attempted to make contact with members of the American crew of the SS "Argentine" but were stopped from doing so by the Russian security forces at the dock.

The above-mentioned photographs taken by Father McFadden have been made into twelve 35 millimeter slides. If recipient agencies desire to examine these slides, they will be made available by this Bureau.

- 1 - Office of Security
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NOTE:

We are making two copies of Father McFadden's slides for retention in our files, and are returning slides to him. He is established source of Philadelphia Office.

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