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SUBJECT: REVEREND CHARLES J. MC FADDEN,
OSA, VILLANOVA, PENNSYLVANIA,
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 8/13/62

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Re Bureau airtel 8/1/62 captioned as above and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, attention Mechanical Section, dated 8/8/62.

On 8/7/62, Reverend CHARLES J. MC FADDEN, OSA, Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., who requested his identity be kept confidential, made available to SA EDWARD A. SMITH 12 Kodachrome (35 mm.) slides which he took from aboard the Moore-McCormack Line's SS ARGENTINE while that ship was docked at Leningrad on Monday, 7/2/62. The Philadelphia Office by separate communication to the Bureau has requested that two copies of each slide be prepared by the Mechanical Section in order that the Bureau may transmit these slides to interested agencies.

Father MC FADDEN stated that he took the photographs on the late afternoon of 7/2/62 from the bridge of the SS ARGENTINE, of the dock area in the Port of Leningrad. He stated that he was subsequently informed by ship's officers that no photographs of the dock area were to be taken. Father MC FADDEN stated that 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. He stated that all passengers aboard the ARGENTINE were shuttled via in-tourist bus to the Astoria Hotel in Leningrad.

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Father MC FADDEN advised that from conversations with crew members of the ARGENTINE, he ascertained that the Greek ship HARIKLIA from Piraeus, was in the process of unloading sugar from Cuba and planned to take back a load of coal to Cuba. He indicated that a Greek crewman stated that a Cuban ship located further up the dock planned to take a large shipment of Soviet trucks to Cuba. These trucks are clearly visible in Father MC FADDEN's slides. Father MC FADDEN stated that when the sugar was unloaded by the Greeks it was placed under heavy tarpaulin approximately eight feet high and extended for one-quarter mile up the wharf. He stated he observed the sugar being loaded into boxcars for transmittal by rail.

Father MC FADDEN added that in conversation with Captain SIMMONS of the 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 but were stopped from doing so by the Russian Soviet Security Forces at the dock.

Father MC FADDEN stated that he did not particularly wish to be identified as furnishing these photographs but that if it were necessary for another agency to further interrogate him concerning the pictures, he would be glad to do so.

It should be noted that Father MC FADDEN is an established source of the Philadelphia Office and materially assisted this office in research material regarding Communism and the Communist Party philosophy in connection with the trial of Dr. ALBERT EMANUEL BLUMBERG in Philadelphia in 1956.

Father MC FADDEN was thanked for furnishing these slides and assured that they would be returned to him promptly.

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