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A review of NYO indices reflects as follows:

In the entertainment section of the 8/23/49 edition of the "Daily Worker," appears an article written by ALINE MOSBY entitled "A Cycle of Films About People in Wheelchairs Coming Soon." She describes in this article a trend in Hollywood to produce movies depicting the problems encountered by persons who are forced to spend the rest of their lives in a wheelchair.

The 4/20/62 edition of the "New York Daily Mirror" contains a brief biographic sketch of ALINE MOSBY by SIDNEY FIELDS in his column entitled "Only Human."

FIELDS describes MOSBY as a trim, attractive blonde from Missoula, Montana, who has been a newspaper woman since 1945 and was the first permanent lady correspondent assigned to Moscow. MOSBY had just written a book entitled "The View From No. 13 Peoples Street," which is described as her account of how she got into Russia in 1959, what it was like for an American girl to live there and how foreigners live in Russia. FIELDS quotes her as saying, "They're getting more and more bourgeois, but won't admit it if it kills them. Oh, they want the status symbols, like any of us." According to FIELDS, she is mostly galled by the Russian denial that they have their fingers in other people's pies. He quotes her as saying, "They do. It's like a religion with the head office in Moscow, insidious and evil and trying to spread it everywhere."

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ALINE MOSBY, in a UPI article dated 11/23/63, Paris, France, recalls that she interviewed LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Moscow in 1959. She stated that she judged him as a person very determined but unsure of himself, naive and emotionally unbalanced.

On 11/2/64, NY [4488-S] (S) advised that on [10/30/64] he met ALIEN MOSBEY (ph). In the course of a discussion, MOSBEY related that she had spent three years in Moscow in some capacity and she was then studying at the Russian Institute at Columbia University. The source said that MOSBEY appeared to be well aware of the duplicities of Soviets and Soviet nationals. She asked him about [ALEKSANDYR BESSMERTNYKH] and indicated that she knew him, [apparently having met him at the UN.] (S)(u)

In NY file captioned "ALEKSANDR A. BESSMERTNYKH" (Bufile 105-91431, NYfile 105-43646), BESSMERTNYKH is described in 1965 as a Soviet national who is employed as a Political Affairs Officer, Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, UN Secretariat (S)(u)

On 1/27/65, NY 3653-S* advised that while [BESSMERTNYKH] is not an employee of the KGB, he is not certain about his status as an agent of the KGB. (S)(u)

On 3/4/68, THOMAS ZUMBO (protect by request-reliable), City Editor, United Press International, NYC, advised that ALINE MOSBY has been in NY for about a year and a half and she handles the Foreign Desk for UPI. He considers her to be a loyal American and has no reason to believe that she would not be cooperative in an interview.

In view of the above, it is recommended that ALINE MOSBY be interviewed in connection with this case.

Request of Bureau

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not ALINE MOSBY should be interviewed.

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