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ABRIVTER 20 Interrogation - 27 July 1955

Transmitted herewith is ABRIVTER 20 Interrogation Report of 27 July 1955. This interrogation was held to a minimum in order to permit sources to concentrate on the preparation of further letters to already selected defectors targets. The interrogation was devoted exclusively to Anatoli V. SOLITNIK.

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REPORT OF INFORMATION - 27 JUL 1964

Person Present: SOURCE - AND OTHERS

MICHAEL B. WIDROW

WILLIAM B. MARSHALL

GILLES T. CROWEN

1. Source was queried as to whether, assuming it possible that VOB recruited one of the char faxes in the Grand Hotel for letter delivery purposes, it would be as well if the first letter in a two-letter campaign against GOLITSYN were delivered by the under-the-door method, rather than through direct delivery to the Post Office or the hotel. He stated that he felt it would be far wiser to use the Post Office for the first letter and the internal delivery for the second, since if the first letter is turned in by GOLITSYN, then measures will probably be instituted by the KGB to intercept the deliverer of a second letter. Source definitely felt the Post Office should not, in any event, be used for the second letter since it would be quite likely that the duty officer receiving it might open it before its delivery to GOLITSYN.

2. Crowen pointed out that it might very well prove impossible for VOB to locate a fluent Russian speaker for delivery to the Grand Hotel Post Office and asked whether a non-fluent Russian speaker or an Austrian agent could be used instead. Source felt that a fluent Russian speaker was an absolute requisite for this operation since the first letter (i.e., the poison pen letter about GOLITSYN's wife) should appear to come from one of the Soviet Community, even, if possible, from one of GOLITSYN's colleagues in the KGB. If anybody, other than a fluent Russian speaker is used, inquiries by GOLITSYN would make it quite clear to him that some non-Russian personnel are involved in the preparation and delivery.

3. Source suggested that an alternate method might be to send the letter via Austrian mail, inside a magazine or newspaper, to GOLITSYN by name and room number at the Imperial Hotel. In response to specific queries, he stated that he did not deem it inconceivable that a Soviet friend of GOLITSYN's might use such a method of getting the word to GOLITSYN about his wife's contacts.

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4. Source was asked as to whether he thought, again in the absence of a two-letter delivery capability, it would be possible for him to write a one-letter letter to SOLITIN exploiting our present knowledge about the target's wife and his relatively poor status and reputation within the KGB as a handle for a defection instrument appeal. Source rejected this suggestion out of hand, explaining that if SOLITIN is still married of his wife and would like to bring her with him, such a letter would destroy absolutely the prospects for a successful approach to subject. Similarly it was agreed that if two letters were sent by the under-the-door method in the Grand Hotel, the second letter would be immediately connected with the first in SOLITIN's mind, with the same effects as if Source were to write one letter touching on the question of the wife.

5. It was then agreed that Source will prepare the first draft of a straight defection appeal to SOLITIN, leaving out entirely the question of his wife, and exploiting only the matter of SOLITIN's unsatisfactory position within the KGB. It was accepted as a possibility that SOLITIN may still be highly married of his wife, or that, on the other hand, he may already either have been abandoned by her or have abandoned her, or be preparing to do so himself. Such a letter, therefore, should leave open to him the possibility of bringing his wife along, but equally well leave open the possibility of leaving her behind, if this is what he desires.

02 6. [CHIEFLY 1]: Some attention was given to the possibility of using [CHIEFLY 1] as a channel for approach to SOLITIN, since [CHIEFLY 1], at least at one time, controlled him. Source pointed out the obvious consequences of having [CHIEFLY 1] either arrange a meeting for VOB with SOLITIN or deliver a defection letter to him, assuming, of course, that [CHIEFLY 1] would actually undertake such a mission on behalf of VOB. It is clear that such use of [CHIEFLY 1] would result in the necessity for his immediate departure from Vienna and, consequently, loss of his present livelihood and professional status.

Comment: Source was advised that Gerald A. Wiedenbier, the case officer associated with [CHIEFLY 1], will appear sometime in the near future for a detailed discussion of this case with VOB.

7. Source mentioned that the only close friend within the KGB Headquarters that he knew SOLITIN to have, or at least to have had at the time of Source's defection, was Ievgeni Petrovich IVANOV. He stated that the two couples used to go frequently to the movies together, and among the February 1955 CIC clandestine photos shown Source was one of SOLITIN, his wife, and the wife of IVANOV. Source also mentioned that if, at all possible, prior to making a defection appeal to SOLITIN, VOB should attempt to determine whether his wife has had a child since February 1956.

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