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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Saturday morning, the 13th of March, Mr. Norman Armour, Assistant Secretary of State, called the Director and stated that Mr. "Robinson" was in town and while he had been told by "Colonel Thomas" that this Agency did not feel inclined to indicate interest in his project, he still felt he should get the final word from someone in the highest bracket of the Agency. Mr. Armour went on to state that he (Mr. Armour) was under considerable pressure from various sources to obtain an agreement between this Agency and the interests of Mr. "Robinson" and that he would personally appreciate it if the Director would arrange to talk with Mr. "Robinson".

The Director said that he had no objection to such an arrangement but that it might be necessary that Mr. "Robinson" talk with me instead of the Director himself because of prior commitments of the Director's. The Director then suggested that Mr. "Robinson" be brought to our offices here for such a conference. Mr. Armour said that would not be possible as Mr. "Robinson" felt that it would be dangerous to appear in our offices and that the Honorable Robert Woods Bliss had volunteered the use of his home for any meeting which might be desired.

Following this telephone conversation, the Director requested me to attend the meeting with Mr. "Robinson". I arrived at the home of the Honorable Robert Woods Bliss, 1537 - 28th St. N. W., at 3 P.M., Saturday, 13 March, the time designated for the meeting and found both Mr. Bliss and Mr. "Robinson" waiting. After the usual polite remarks and greetings, Mr. Bliss excused himself and Mr. "Robinson" and I started our conference in the library of Mr. Bliss' home.

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After some fencing around, Mr. "Robinson" became convinced that I knew of all the recent conversations between himself, [redacted] and "Colonel Thomas", and that further I was reasonably well informed of his parent organization, "Centre National Russe", and its operations in Europe over a period of some years. He asked if I knew his correct name and I informed him that I did, that he was [redacted]

I listened to a resume of the desires of himself and his organization and then at an appropriate time stated that we were greatly in sympathy with his objectives but from the standpoint of an intelligence organization we were not inclined to support his activities either from the standpoint of an established contact or from the standpoint of providing money for any of its operations.

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Colonel [ ] then took several other approaches, all of them coming to certain conclusions which can be summed up as follows:

1. That this organization and parallel American organizations were now working toward the same goal, which was a fight against Communism all over the world;

2. That with the facilities at their hand, they would be an extremely valuable agency for providing a means for propaganda or psychological activities in Europe;

3. They were in a position to provide American intelligence with information from inside Russia which could not possibly be obtained otherwise;

4. In order for them to do what they were in a position to do for an American interest, they required two things:

a. An agreement which he could pass on to his superiors and which in turn could be passed on to interested anti-Soviet groups which indicated that the American Government was utilizing the services of his organization;

b. Sufficient money and/or equipment such as radios, etc., to the sum of approximately \$150,000 to finance the operations of his organization in part for the next year.

At this point, I again indicated that from an intelligence viewpoint we could indicate no interest nor were we willing to have any money involved. Colonel [ ] then asked if it would not be possible merely to indicate to his superiors that we were in sympathy and would back his organization even though we were not willing to expend any considerable amount of money. He even indicated that he would be very happy if we would indicate a tie-up with him and arrange only \$10,000 for his next month's operation.

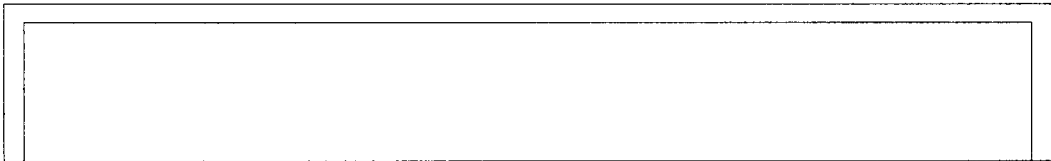
I again reiterated that it was all very interesting but it did not fit in with our plans in any way. He then asked me if I could recommend to him any approach in which he might in part fulfill the reasons for his visit to this country. I suggested that since his agency was in a position through newspaper outlets to issue information and possible propaganda that it would appear he should approach some private individual who might, from patriotic motives, be willing to partially subsidize his newspapers and magazine outlets.

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I asked him if he was getting much of value from the Polish organizations but he carefully avoided any discussions along this line.

I queried him as to the changes in approach as made in [redacted] and the approaches made currently here in the United States. This was obviously an embarrassing position for Colonel [redacted] who covered it up partially by stating that conditions had of course changed since the time of the conversations with [redacted].

The meeting was finally ended <sup>more</sup> on a very polite and courteous note with the firm announcement made once that from an intelligence viewpoint we had no interest in establishing any contact or connections with his organization.

At the last moment, Colonel [redacted] did confirm that the recent visit to the Director's office of Mr. Vadim Makaroff and other approaches made by agencies connected with the Tolstoy Foundation are all part and parcel of the same organization and for the same purpose of obtaining official American connections and financing.



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With Director.

Attended meeting in the office of Mr. Geo. V. Allen, Asst. Sec State, of the Inter-Departmental Consultative Group for Coordinating U. S. Foreign Information Measures. Another meeting will be held at 1030 18 March in Mr. Allen's office (Room 4166 New State Bldg.)

Requested Transportation Branch to obtain sailing dates, deck plans, etc. of S.S. WASHINGTON.

[redacted] OCD, to pay respects upon his departure from duty with CIA.

Dispensary— [redacted]

[redacted] Chief, Budget & Finance, concerning our funds held by State. Advised that all except that specifically for "foreign service" had been withdrawn from State.

[redacted] USA(Ret.), applicant—referred to Col. Shannon. [redacted] suggested that he call on the Deputy Director.)

Attended meeting in CIA Situation Room of the Intelligence Chiefs and their representatives in connection with Soviet intentions.

Col. Dryden, VA, (code 158 x 2266) concerning VA plans for the Nevius tract; stated that VA definitely wanted to build on that site; that they never had considered the site near the Naval Medical Center.

[redacted] OO, concerning call from Mr. Symington, SecAir Force, regarding a [redacted] had taken subject and [redacted] to lunch: Mr. Symington had requested that the DCI know about subject. [redacted] will forward a Memo for Record for the Director's information concerning the fact that subject owns 40 sq. kilometers of strip coal mining in the Spitzbergen area.

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[redacted] OO, reference an Ad Hoc Committee meeting on implementation of NSCID 7 - Domestic exploitation -- as regards responsibility for alien interrogation. The Deputy Director stated he would appreciate receiving copy of minutes of above meeting.

[redacted] reference information requested by the Director of General Chamberlin on total strength of Army, including Air Force, and total funds for military and civilian functions.

Col. Temple of the Office of the Inspector General -- referred to Col.. Shannon.....concerned military personnel on duty with CIA.

Lunched in office.

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