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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO : EX/RR

VIA : Ch/G 25X9A6

SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

1. It is my definite impression that the functions and activities of D/GG made a favorable impression on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is difficult to be certain about this because [REDACTED] did not have the background or the ability to ask incisive questions about the functioning of the division. He has the disconcerting tendency of asking a question, often immaterial, before the previous question has been answered.

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2. However, once the field of evasion and escape was mentioned and this occurred in the first five minutes of the conversation, both men became very interested and seemed not to care about anything else. Although the NIS program, border studies and regional analyses were mentioned the conversation tended to revert to evasion and escape. It is difficult to say whether the investigators learned all they wanted to about the division but they appeared to enjoy the conversation thoroughly. About fifty minutes of the discussion were spent in my office and the remaining ten of the hour with the USSR Branch. There the investigators seemed to be most interested in the details of research and the sources used. There seemed to be some question in the [REDACTED] mind as to who made maps for our reports and what use maps were put to.

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3. The [REDACTED] final remark, made in a most jovial and hearty manner, was that, " a little duplication didn't matter and was probably a good thing." The remark was apropos' of I don't know what since there had been no previous indication that our work duplicates anyone else's in any measure whatsoever. At the beginning, [REDACTED] indicated that he was interested in TO, responsibilities, authorization for responsibilities, products and requesters. The questions were almost exclusively limited to the last two, products and requester.

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SUBJECT: Major Questions Asked by [REDACTED]

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Q. 1. What do you do in here?

A. The structure and function of the USSR Branch was explained pointing out the division of the USSR into areas of responsibility handled by the individual analysts along with a topical responsibility.

Q. 2. What kind of studies do you produce?

25X9A6 A. The various types of studies produced in the branch were explained to the [REDACTED] as he examined them. He was particularly interested in the "B Area" Escape and Evasion Studies produced for the Air Force and the numerous regional studies produced for the DD/P Area.

Q. 3. What do you do when you make a map for a study? Do you draw the lines, make contours, hachures, etc.?

A. He was interested in the maps produced for the above studies (our part in the production). We explained our relationship with cartography, the process by which we selected base maps and then supplied the special information which we wanted on the maps to complement the textual material. We also explained our selection and inclusion of existing maps to aid in the use of the study. He wanted to know whether the DD/P Area supplied us with maps when they requested a study. The answer was obviously that we furnished all the maps for the studies.

Q. 4. Do you get a lot of information from the books you receive?

A. We explained that about 85 percent of our basic geographic regional description came from Soviet sources and showed him our collection of Soviet books covering various parts of the USSR.

Q. 5. How does your book collection function in relation to the CIA Library?

a. Do you get your material through the library or directly from the field?

b. Does the library have a record of your book sources?

c. Do you know all the new books that come in?

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A. He seemed to be interested in a possible duplication of effort where books are concerned. We explained our relationship with the CIA Library, the concerted procurement program in which we supplied requests for and leads to new geographic books. He seemed to be concerned about our setting up an independent library but was assured that all the books we had, had come through the central CIA Library, were cataloged, appear in their catalog, are charged to us on permanent loan but occasionally may be recalled for temporary use by any other part of the Agency upon request. We are also informed of new books by the library liaison and read the accessions lists and bibliographies.

Q. 6. Do you collect Russian periodicals for the latest information on the USSR?

A. We receive all the major Russian professional geographic periodicals.

Q. 7. Do you use the Library of Congress?

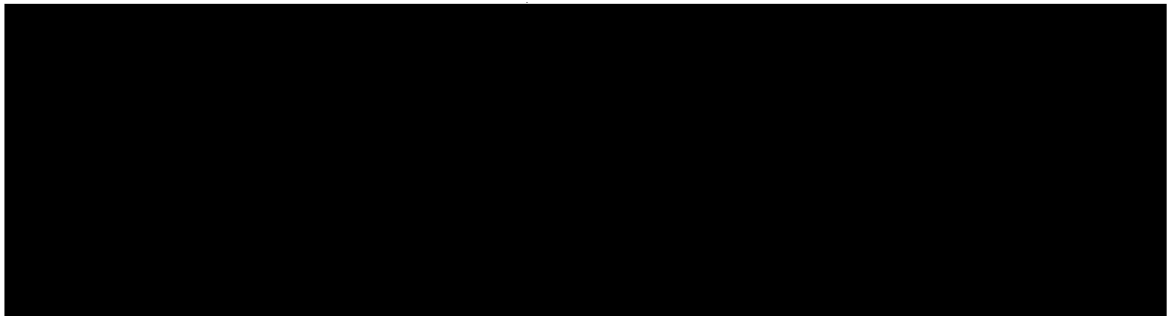
A. We use the Library of Congress quite extensively; however, for quick spot requests and regularly-used basic sources, we prefer to have our own books.

Q. 8. What is the training of your personnel?

- a. Do any of your people handle the Satellite languages?
- b. Do you recruit people from FDD (in view of their language ability)?
- c. Can Russian linguists handle the job in your branch or do you need specialized personnel?

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Q. 9. Do you have contact with [redacted] of the New York Times? with [redacted] 25X1A5a1

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A. We are acquainted with these people, know their work, their sources for information and believe that in most cases we can obtain all the material to which they have access.

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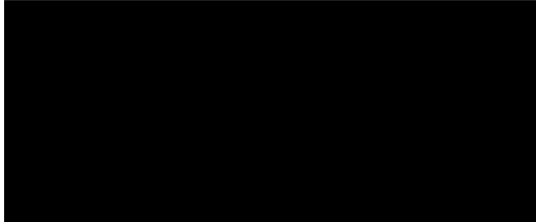
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