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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT: Letter from Prof. Josef Kalvoda, dated May 22, 1965

        1. In the opinion of this Staff, the Agency cannot comply with
the substance of the request of Prof. Kalvoda -- i.e. providing him
with information on (a) Czechoslovakia's Role in Communist Strategy,
and (b) Communist Strategy and Tactics in Latin America. Compliance
would involve not only the release of a sizeable volume of classified
material, but also -- in view of the broad scope of the two subjects --
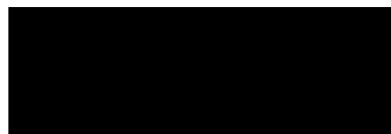a very considerable amount of work to be performed by qualified
analysts.

        2. On the other hand, Prof. Kalvoda is apparently a staunch
anti-Communist and his treatment of the two subjects, whether in
lectures or in publications, can be presumed to be in the interest of
our government. You may therefore wish to acknowledge the timeliness
and importance of his two themes, while regretfully explaining the
Agency's inability to service private information requests. At your
discretion, you may add that

        a. Czechoslovakia is indeed one of the major centers of
    world-wide Communist subversion, as shown by the fact that it
    is the seat of the authoritative international Communist
    journal PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM (WORLD MARXIST REVIEW)
    and of leading international Communist fronts, such as the
    WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS and the INTERNATIONAL UNION
    OF STUDENTS.

        b. Communist activities in Latin America are conflictingly
    influenced by Moscow, Peking and Havana, ranging from the
    ostensibly parliamentary tactics of the Chilean CP to the
    terrorism of the Venezuelan party -- even though these differences,
    as noted in a recent OAS report, tend to stimulate rather than to
    hamper Communist subversion in the Western Hemisphere.

3. I am returning to you herewith subject letter and preceding correspondence with Prof. Kalvoda.

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Chief
Covert Action Staff

Attachments:
As stated above

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