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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building, Room 123
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to my letter of October 4, 1956, enclosing a memorandum under the same date captioned "Communist Party, USA, International Relations, Internal Security - C."

I thought you would be interested in the information set forth in a memorandum on the same subject, which is enclosed herewith, reporting additional details of the discussion had between a delegation of the Canadian Communist Party and Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow on the Jewish problem in the Soviet Union.

In view of the delicate position of our sources of information in this matter, it is requested that the contents of this memorandum be treated as "Top Secret."

The enclosure has been disseminated to appropriate agencies of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

Enclosure

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COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In connection with the information set forth in our memorandum of October 4, 1956, concerning a recent meeting of a Canadian Communist Party delegation with Nikita Khrushchev and other Soviet officials in Moscow, our confidential sources have furnished the following additional details which are believed to be of interest.

During the meeting of the Canadian Communist Party delegation with Khrushchev, the latter engaged in a personal debate with Joe Salzberg, one of the Canadian delegates, on the Jewish question. Salzberg asked Khrushchev whether or not he believed there was forced integration of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Khrushchev answered that he would not speak to Salzberg as a Canadian but as a communist. He pointed out to Salzberg that it was necessary to keep in mind that "we" are still surrounded by hostile capitalist states and that while the danger of war is lessened, there is still a possibility of some provocation and armed clashes. Khrushchev stated that the Soviet Union was still trying to raise its technical level and standard of living, and build its industry, and so forth. With respect to Salzberg's question as to why the Jews do not have any opportunity to use their own language or establish their own schools and their own culture, Khrushchev answered that the Jews have the same opportunities as other nationalities and they should use these opportunities.

Khrushchev pointed out to Salzberg that the Soviets had given the Jews Birobidjan, an immense country with untold riches, and yet the Soviets cannot get the Jews to go there. Further, the Jews insist on returning

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to places from which they originally came. He stated the Soviets have had to send Russians and other nationalities to Birobidjan because not enough Jews are going there to cultivate the country. Khrushchev went on to say that the Russians are not prepared to give the Jewish people the rights which other small nationality groups or minorities do not get. Citing an example, he stated that during World War II the Armenians were dispersed through all parts of the Soviet Union, some of them in Moscow, some in Leningrad and some in other large cities. He continued that there is no Armenian press outside of Armenia, nor special Armenian schools, and that the Uzbekistan area accepted the Armenians when the Armenians settled there. Khrushchev stated that if the Armenians would ask for some special preferences such as their own press, schools and culture, the Uzbek population would oppose them. Khrushchev remarked that the Jewish people were becoming integrated as a part of the Soviet people and that the old patriarchal family form of industry is gone since the war has dispersed many people, including the Jewish people. He stated that most of them, when they recongregated, did so in a manner different from that of the Jewish people who insisted on retaining family and community ties.

Khrushchev told Salzberg it is necessary to keep in mind that the Jews are not of one class make-up, that is, some Jews do not represent progressive interests. He pointed out to Salzberg that millions of people in the Soviet Union, many of whom are still backward peoples, have been drawn into industry from the villages and some of these people have within them a latent anti-Semitism. Khrushchev stated that some of this was brought into being by the Jews themselves. He explained this statement by stating the Soviets had established a committee to rebuild some of the larger cities such as Kiev, Kharkov and Riga. The chief architects and administrators of these committees were Jews. These Jews, instead of just accepting the positions and doing a job, talked about the Jews' contribution to the rebuilding of these cities. Before the Jewish newspaper "Einikeit" was liquidated, it contained stories bragging about the deeds of the Jews and their contribution to rebuilding the USSR. Thereafter, letters started to come to Russian newspapers from people

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asking why it was necessary to send a Jew to rebuild Kiev instead of a Ukrainian; why it was necessary to send a Jew to rebuild Riga instead of a Lett, et cetera. Khrushchev remarked that the boasting in "Einikeit" invited some of the anti-Semitic protests and inflamed the backward peoples.

Concerning the question of a separate Jewish culture or, as Khrushchev called it, "cultural separation," Khrushchev stated that the demand for it was influenced by people who are hostile to the Soviets. He stated that the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union want the Canadians to consider the whole Jewish question and the role of Israel. He emphasized that Israel is a rallying ground for American imperialism, for separatism and for Jewish nationalism.

Khrushchev went on to say that Stalin had cause to take action against the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in the USSR because of its involvement in the Crimean incident (referring to the campaign of this committee after World War II to get the Jewish people in the USSR to migrate to the Crimea). Khrushchev stated that if this plot had succeeded, the Crimea would have become an outpost for United States imperialism. He stated the Soviet Government is not going to make a formal declamation or declination of special rights for the Jewish people and is not going to give them a special status. He stated that if the Jews in Russia want to write books in their own language, these books will be printed; further, if the Jews want to write plays in their own language, they will be permitted to stage these plays. However, before this is done, it will be necessary to develop a demand for them. As far as Khrushchev is concerned, there is no evidence of a special demand for such an expression of separate culture.

Khrushchev remarked that he could not understand Salzberg's reasoning with regard to the need for an independent status, a national status and an independent culture for the Jews. He said that there are a lot of Ukrainians in Moscow and there is no special Ukrainian paper in Moscow. He stated that if the Soviets have a special Jewish paper in Moscow, every Ukrainian might ask why there is not one for the Ukrainians. He advised

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Salzberg that there was a beginning of integration of the Jewish people in Russia in the 1930's and what transpired afterwards, such as the liquidation of the Jewish press and other cultural activities, took place in a natural way.

All of the above information is being classified "Top Secret" and should be treated accordingly because of the delicate position of our sources. It is requested that no dissemination be made of the above information without prior consultation with this Bureau.

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