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The Honorable Thomas E. Martin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Congressman Martin:

The Secretary of Defense, Mr. James Forrester, under cover of 29 September 1947, has forwarded to us your letter to him dated 25 September.

This Agency has no jurisdiction over such matters as your letter mentions. Our relations with Russia are a matter for State Department consideration, and therefore I have forwarded your letter to the Secretary of State. A copy of our letter of referral is enclosed herewith.

Because your letter indicates concern as to the security problems involved in the Russian Ambassador taking photographs of American aircraft and Soviet citizens working in American plants, we have also forwarded a copy of your letter to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for possible examination of these angles. A copy of our letter of referral to Mr. Hoover is also enclosed. This matter does not come under the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency, which is specifically prohibited from any internal security functions by Section 102 (d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, (Public Law 253, 80th Congress).

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Congressman Thomas H. Martin of Iowa has addressed the enclosed letter to the Honorable James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, who in turn has referred it to us.

As a reading of this letter indicates Congressman Martin's concern over our relations with Russia, I am forwarding it to you for consideration. Congressman Martin has been informed of this reference in a letter, a copy of which is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
DEAR ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

2 OCT 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Congressman Thomas W. Martin of Iowa has addressed a letter — a copy of which is enclosed — to The Honorable James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, who has in turn forwarded it to us.

As a reading of this letter indicates that it involves internal security functions, which are outside the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency, I am forwarding it to you for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Congressman Martin has been informed of this reference, and a copy of our letter to him is attached.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. HILLENKOEPPER  
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29 September 1947

The Honorable Thomas E. Martin  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
25 September

I am forwarding it to Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, the  
Director of Central Intelligence, with the request that  
he look into the matters referred to in your letter, and  
reply to you direct.

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal

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Thos. E. Martin  
1st Dist. Iowa

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1947

The Honorable James B. Forrestal,  
Secretary of National Defense,  
Pentagon Building,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Secretary Forrestal:

My attention has been directed to an article appearing on page 173 of the October, 1947, issue of the magazine entitled, "Popular PHOTOGRAPHY." The article is headed "AMBASSADOR IS 'HOT' MAN" which is placed at the top of a picture of Russian Ambassador and Mrs. Nikolai Novikov and the article itself reads as follows:

"A MOTION picture enthusiast Nikolai Novikov, Russian ambassador to the United States, adds to his enjoyment of air maneuvers held at Masters Field, Miami, Fla., by making personal movies of the big show. Mrs. Novikov sits beside the ambassador."

Another report that has just been drawn to my attention is an AP new item appearing in the daily press of September 22, 1947, as follows:

"DETROIT STRIKE TO HALT TRAINING RUSS IN U.S. AUTO PLANT"

"TROMBAYAN, Mich. -(AP) - Local officers of the CIO United Auto Workers today threatened strike action in protest against the industrial training of Russians in the Clark Equipment Co. plant here.

"Reginald Boyle, president of Local 469, UAW-CIO, said 1,300 company employees had approved taking of a strike vote over management plans to train Russian technicians in the use of its machines.

"The company, which manufactures automobile axle housings, had announced it would put from eight to 20 Russians at work in the plant this week as part of a contract with the Soviet purchasing commission.

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"Protesting the program would replace union members from their jobs, said they were: 'unalterably opposed to training citizens of a foreign power which might conceivably be at war with us in the near future.'

"Company officials said they had state department approval for the Russian contract, which they obtained in July, 1946."

My correspondent, an officer in the armed services during the war, in sending these articles to me, the originals of which I am retaining in my own file, writes me as follows:

"The enclosed news items are self-explanatory I feel sure, and I most certainly hope my impressions drawn from these are not true.

"I can't help but feel there has been a lack of 'follow through' after the years we fought the war.

"I most sincerely hope we have things in better control than I am led to believe, when I see and read this type of 'news item.'

"I think I can voice the opinion of many veterans when I say I think someone has laid down on the job for us, and our families."

I would like an explanation of both of these very important matters.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Martin (Signed)

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