

24 May 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Support Division

SUBJECT : Travel of CIA Employees to the USSR
and to East Europe

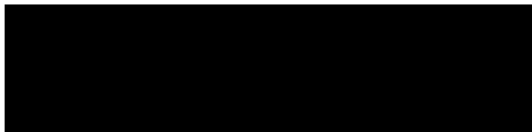
REFERENCE : Soviet Bloc Division Memo dtd
17 May 74, Same Subject

1. The thrust of referrent is primarily directed to non-official or private personal travel performed by Agency employees to the Soviet Bloc and East Europe area. It contains a practical set of guidelines which appear to be entirely reasonable and should be acceptable for adoption Agency wide. The guidance offered would be applicable in most private travel situations for which an employee is seeking approval.

2. It is to be noted that in paragraph #4 of the attachment to referrent, mention is made of (a) ascertaining, probably from the FBI, if a situation exists for Soviet retaliation and (b) disapproving requests for private travel to the Soviet Bloc of employees born there or having close relatives in that area. With regard to the former, it would be particularly helpful if EAB could be directly informed should it become a Branch responsibility to monitor these situations. Would this information flow from CI Staff or directly from C/OPS/PSI? Obviously it would be useful in EAB's security assessment of an individual's request. Although the Office probably should favor disapproval on ethnic grounds, sufficient circumspection needs be exercised in rendering such determinations unless we are assured this will be adopted as a hard and fast rule.

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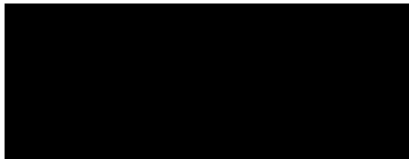
3. It is recommended that the Office of Security concur in the guidelines proposed by Soviet Bloc Division for use in reviewing travel requests.



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Acting Chief, EAB

*Concur - please prepare a memo to
of Sov Blo division D/S (a) concurring in guidelines;
(b) assuming continued close cooperation between Sov
Bloc and this office in providing briefings; and
(c) requesting that once they have established
their procedures to obtain Bureau feedback
(and we assume Ed Hoff will be the liaison
mechanism), the information also be provided
this office on a timely basis*



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*this is wrong assumption - state that
since Hoff employees are involved, this office
will assume the responsibility of establishing
Bureau contact procedures for feedback*

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1. Chief, SSD 4 E 27	5/28/74		JFA	25X1A
2. C/SSD	5/28/74		CSB	<p>TP 4 re contact w/FBI should be discussed with [Redacted] TP 4 does disapproval of travel to Sov. or Bloc countries by employees with relatives or close ties in those countries should be given higher level, perhaps DCI, policy consideration.</p> <p>2-3 Before I return this to C/EAB for action, do you agree that CSB staff and not OS is the proper Bureau conduit in denied area travel matters?</p>
3. COPS/P52	5/29/74			
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17 MAY 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Security
Deputy Director for Personnel Security
and Investigations

SUBJECT : Travel of CIA Employees to the USSR and
Eastern Europe

We have recently studied this topic within SB Division and have prepared a guidance paper for our internal use in reviewing travel requests for approval. To ensure we are in step with the Office of Security, we would appreciate your comment and concurrence with our approach, assuming we have not overlooked any significant considerations.



Chief
Soviet Bloc Division

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Attachment:
Guidance Paper, H/W

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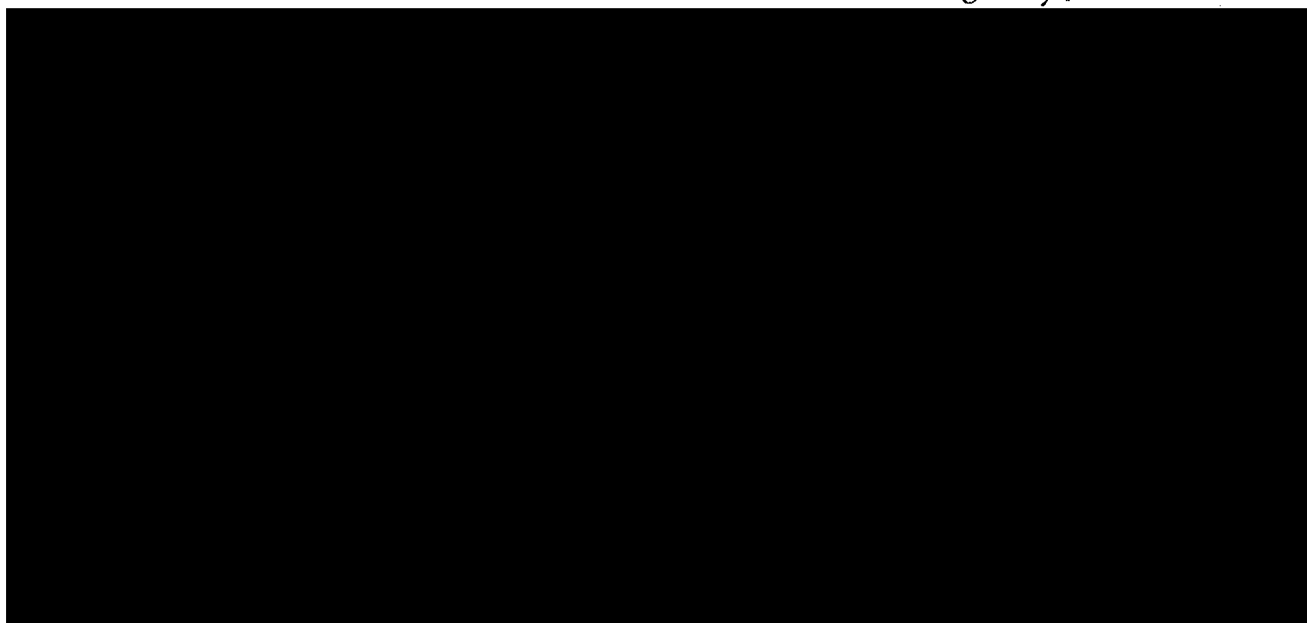
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17 May 1974

SUBJECT: Travel by CIA Employees to the USSR and Eastern Europe

1. This memorandum discusses travel of Agency employees into the USSR and Eastern Europe (EE) countries, and includes guidelines for review of such requests. These have been reviewed by and have the concurrence of SB/IO, SB/SI and SB/SO.

2. Background: With detente, growing numbers of Agency employees and dependents desire to take advantage of chances to travel to the USSR and EE. There is also increasing interest by some Agency elements to sponsor and pay for such travel as area familiarization and orientation. The risks involved have long been recognized and therefore, such travel has not only been regulated, but generally discouraged. However, provided we adhere to careful review and briefing procedures, there is no general reason not to permit some increase in such employee travel. At the same time we should not encourage or stimulate private travel by employees, and see no need to circulate or issue new guidance on Bloc travel within the Agency.



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