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The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarcino, M.C.
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lagomarcino:

We are pleased to learn that under the reapportionment you will continue to be our representative in Congress, as we live in [REDACTED]. Needless to say, we shall help your reelection.

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I am writing a contemporary novel--I am a published writer. The theme of the novel is an unusual, logical and dramatic story of a non-military action to defuse an imminent nuclear war between U.S.S.R. and the United States, with each nation retaining its integrity.

My wife and I made a trip to the Soviet Union in 1976 which we found exceedingly interesting and informative.

I am now intensively researching the novel. The staffs of both the [REDACTED] libraries have been most helpful and have also made available to me the extensive facilities of the California State Library System.

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I have been unable, however, to acquire certain specific information essential to the plot of the novel, and would be most appreciative if you would forward the enclosed three questionnaires to the appropriate departments and agencies of the United States Government for completion. I have tentatively suggested the State Department and C.I.A. as two sources for information.

If any of the information requested is in publications of the Government Printing Office, I will be pleased to order if you would give me the ordering data.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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QUESTIONNAIRE: KGB--COMMITTEE FOR STATE SECURITY--AND MILITIA OF THE USSR.

Research needed for contemporary novel.

Suggest referral to CIA, the opposite number of the Soviet KGB, which should be well informed on the subject.

Note: In researching my novel I was unable to find in the California State Library System a book on the Soviet Secret Police--function, organization and personnel. Instead, in numerous books, I found isolated items of information relative to various aspects of the KGB and the Militia organizations.

I have summarized this information and submit it herewith for verification as current, and have also included questions relative to needed data which I have been unable to locate.

1. KGB Functions:
Combatting foreign and domestic intrigue; suppressing dissidents and malcontents; apprehending smugglers; undertaking counter intelligence and espionage. Is this correct to date? Amplify if possible.
2. KGB Organization:
Headquarters for Central Administration of State Security--KGB--for USSR is in Lubyanka Prison at 22 Lubyanka Street, Moscow. Is this correct?
A Chairman of KGB for entire USSR heads this organization. He is a member of the Politburo. Is this correct?
I understand that the KGB is a vast and complex organization consisting basically of four chief directorates, seven independent directorates and six independent departments. With these I am not especially concerned. What I need for the novel is data as follows:
3. KGB Command Structure:
The KGB has a military command structure consisting of commissioners, deputy commissioners, generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, sergeants and privates. This same structure is set up, I understand, in each of the Soviet Republics, such as the Ukrainian. Is this correct?
 - A. Would the Chairman of the KGB for the entire USSR also have a general's rank?
 - B. Would the head of the KGB for a Soviet Socialist Republic, such as the Ukrainian, be a commissioner and have a general's rank? If not, what is his title and rank?
 - C. What would be the rank of a deputy KGB commissioner for both USSR and a Republic?

D. What would be the title and rank of a KGB officer, head of a city KGB headquarters, such as Kiev in the Ukraine?

4. KGB Uniforms:

Reference is made to KGB operatives in both plain clothes and uniforms, but I have been unable to find a description of a KGB uniform or insignia of the various ranks. Would appreciate this information with picture or photographs, if possible, or suggestions of where I could find it.

5. Militia Functions:

The function of the Militia, as I understand it, is as follows: Directs traffic; investigates homicides, assaults, rape, violence, embezzlement and other crimes not concerned with state security. Is this correct?

6. Militia Organization:

I understand that the Militia have a USSR-wide organization and command structure similar to the KGB, and it is an arm of the MVD. I have been unable to learn the translation of the letters MVD. Could you supply, and is my understanding of the Militia organization correct?

A. Would the rank and the titles of the Militia be similar to those of the KGB? Would they follow military lines from general to private?

B. I assume there would be a headquarters of the Militia in and for each Republic. If so, what would be the title of the officer in charge?

C. I assume there would be Militia headquarters or operations rooms in each city of the USSR. What would be the title of the officer in charge?

Thank you for your cooperation.

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