

MEMO FOR FILE

SUBJECT: DCGHEV, Ivan

FROM: DFE

4 March 1954

1. At my meeting with [redacted], at the covert office on the morning of 27 February 1954, I discussed various means of arranging Subject's visit to the U.S. for the purpose of meeting me for an exploratory talk.

2. I told [redacted] that all arrangements would have to await obtaining clearance for the interview, which I thought would be forthcoming next week. I told him that I would phone him when I had the green light, and would say, "I am unable to join him on his vacation trip". This would mean that he should go ahead with his trip to Toronto to see Subject and lay on the meeting.

3. We then discussed just what reason Subject would give the U.S. Consulate for obtaining a visitor's visa. We discarded any idea that involved his fellow-nationals, or his newspaper as being likely to involve him actually with his fellow-nationals, which I felt inadvisable at this time. Our next idea was that it should be a business trip in connection with Subject's trucking business.

4. This idea seemed to be the best, and we agreed that I should attempt to lay on a letter coming from some business firm in the U.S., probably in Springfield, Mass., or New York, with which Subject was allegedly in contact. It seemed that since Subject was doing a good deal of business hauling timber in Canada, that either a lumber or trucking firm would be the most logical and natural. I agreed to try to lay this on with [redacted] (known to [redacted]) as soon as possible. The gist of the letter was to be that this firm acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Subject in which Subject had proposed some business venture, and suggesting that they were giving it serious consideration, but felt that a meeting in New York would be more helpful in working out details, inviting him to let them know when he could come to New York. Subject could then show this letter to the American Vice Consul if need be in justification for his visa application.

5. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to check on just what is required by the State Department in granting a visitor's visa under these circumstances. I shall ask [redacted] Aliens Affairs Officer, to find out about this at once.

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6. In order that exact details regarding the hotel in which Subject and I are to meet in Springfield, Mass., will be clear to both [ ] and me before he sees Subject, I asked him to take a quick trip to Springfield when he returns to Wellesley. He will select a good, busy, commercial mans' hotel, and give me (and Subject) an exact description of the location, situation of the lobby, spotting where I shall wait for Subject.

7. It should be noted here that Springfield, Mass. was picked primarily for two reasons: (1) that it is a relatively large town with no known Bulgarian colony, and (2) that it is a rail junction. In addition, it is not far from Canada, and thus more easily accessible to Subject without being full of Bulgarians, as is Detroit, for example.