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Nikolai Nikolaevitch POPPE
(Nikolai BERGSTRÖM)

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- 17 May 49 Received \$700 from [] Deposited with [] \$600. Poppe phones to be used in case of emergency - Sterling 0390, Columbia 8105, Ext. 310. [] limits handouts to \$25.
- 1030 Amid reception through greeting General Clay, *Military Air Transport*
~~Flight~~ Flight 47 with Poppe aboard landed at 1100 a.m. Bergstrom taken to Brighton Hotel at California and Connecticut where he will reside temporarily at a room rate of \$7 per day, ~~per day~~.
- 1300 OFFIE with DAVIS and JOYCE arrive to take Bergstrom to lunch. OFFIE apologizes to Poppe for the delay of his arrival to the US, but states that he was working hard to get Bergstrom over on a DP visa. OFFIE wanted all to be absolutely clear in order to avoid future visa troubles.
- 1430 OFFIE turns Poppe over to [] Suggests that \$100 be spent for clothing. Also suggested that Poppe go to Library of Congress if time permits.
- 1700 [] almost goes the limit but stops at \$99 for clothing for Poppe.
- 1930 Poppe reveals information voluntarily. Two interesting anecdotes on Offie are as follows: First met OFFIE 1948 - May, when OFFIE sends US car to British Zone border to pick Poppe up. OFFIE was Political Adviser to General Clay. OFFIE to quarter Poppe in US Hotel. Hotel manager, a State Department man named O'BRIEN, says "impossible to have foreigner in hotel; hotel for US citizens only". Therefore, POPPE had to find quarters with O'BRIEN away from Hotel. OFFIE next sends Poppe to Army PX - "Just go in and mention my name". Poppe is barred at the door. But the British were different; they always had room for him, and he was always permitted in their hotels, stores, etc.

(Camp King, Germany) Captain Leo BEAR - Office of the Provost Marshal
 7707 ECIG -
 APO 757, USA

Hlew Poppe's cover in Germany, told Poppe that he will soon go to USA. All papers are in order, you are no longer to be permitted to stay here, budgetary reasons. He will be required to leave within 6 weeks. While waiting you will be sent to a DP camp. All visa, etc., will be arranged during your stay at the DP camp, HANALL, near Frankfort. Poppe complied, but stated that he feared publicity, etc. BEAR said "Security no longer matters. You are going to the States soon so forget about it. When you get over, write to us, let us know how you make out".

Poppe can't understand cover name now. Says there are too many offices that he has been pushed around in and just doesn't know what to make of it. ~~And all this mix-up started about May 48, at that time Poppe was with British intelligence, when Poppe first met OFFIE. This occasion was highlighted by a secret transfer of Poppe from a British car from the British Zone, to an American car with an American officer to escort Poppe to CIC camp, Camp King. Poppe remained here fully covered for 3 or 4 months. Certificated and all to fool German police in the event that Poppe was caught strolling in the streets. Then Captain BEAR shows face; told Poppe to go to IRO because of new law concerning displaced persons. This was only means of getting to USA, says BEAR. So, together with BEAR, Poppe visits IRO office in Frankfort where he meets head of IRO, Miss Hoffman. Hoffman was pleased to meet Poppe, but said that a certificate of good conduct is required to cover his entire stay in Germany. Poppe says this is impossible as German police knew nothing of him. HOFFMAN insisted that he write at least to Berlin Police to get certificate to cover 1943 stay in Berlin (1944, he was in Czechoslovakia). Poppe said, "Look Miss Hoffman, Berlin is in the Russian Zone. If I ask for a good conduct certificate, the Russians would certainly get to know where I am. Instead, I will try to get a good conduct certificate from the British or American Intelligence." BEAR agrees. Suggests that Poppe write to British Intelligence. Poppe does and receives certificate issued under his British cover name (unknown). Poppe goes again to BEAR with certificate. BEAR says, "This is no good. You must have another issued in your name." Poppe said he couldn't do that. The British are too cagey about matters like this and would deny knowledge of Poppe. Poppe leaves BEAR. Goes to civilian in CIC in Frankfort named MEHNER. Told his full story. To this MEHNER said, "All IRO people are crazy. You can't get certificates from Berlin or German Police." MEHNER knew all about Poppe and proceeded to give him a certificate containing necessary clearance. This certificate was for IRO purposes, and a notation was made to have it destroyed by the proper authorities after they received it in order to keep cover. Back to BEAR goes Poppe. BEAR okayed certificates and accompanied Poppe to IRO Police Chief BAANDERS. Here BAANDERS destroys~~

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certificate and substitutes a certificate which was compiled as follows:

Extract from German Police Good Conduct Certificate - Bergstrom has not been convicted or suspected of crimes, etc., in Germany. This then was forwarded to Miss HOFFMAN who approved it and said you may go to USA soon. Two weeks later BEAR reappeared. Said you are soon to go to the States and gave him the "expensive to keep you here story", and bade him farewell. Poppe was to go to DP camp and come under IRO custody. Until this moment, all was secret. Then, the cover was blown. Clerks preparing papers, etc., were oblivious to security, and everyone knew of the Professor. These clerks lived at the DP camp and worked in the DP offices. Everything is known to everybody. All this happened between the 15 April 49 to 14 May 49. Poppe was very much disturbed at this international meeting place whose habitants were first class gossips. Poppe now asks why keep me in a CIC camp fully covered and then transfer me to the DP camp problem infested with Russian spies, etc. This does not seem logical. It wouldn't surprise Poppe to learn that the Russians already know of his entry into the USA. Not worried about this, but for Christ Sakes, straighten out this God damn procedure, especially where it concerns selected people. One attempt was made to kidnap him once in Germany, and it may very well be attempted again. But Poppe is not afraid.

Poppe does not recommend using IRO channels to get cover people over to the US. Military (CIC) channels are by far the best way. At DP camp, Poppe met two other professors whom he knew at Leningrad. Covers again blown when these chance meetings are so arranged. If used properly, as the British use it, cover names are good.

British used Poppe as an expelled NAZI from South Africa to get necessary German Police papers. Had no trouble getting papers when British certified that he was denazified, had no record of inhumanities. With this, Poppe goes to German Police, and gets identity card immediately.

~~As this cover~~ non-native gets papers without trouble or questions. No way of a quick checking system.

US does not as yet have the know how on the above. They could learn a lot from the British.

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9 Mar 49 [] brought Army cable from Heidelberg which he had for action, being inquiry for disposition of subject by EC Intel Center, where he had been brought from Brit Zone and was held pending shipping instructions. Description fitted anonymous subject for whom first [] and then Offey had requested help in finding apartment at maximum of \$150 per mo. Got [] who agreed to call back but didn't. Got Offey who referred matter to Lawrence Houston, CIA Gen Counsel. Too late to get []

10 Mar [] Reported to [] He felt Houston out of ~~our~~ channels and requested we call. Reported to Houston and [] Houston called back, said subject was top priority, urgently wanted, being handled through DP mill. He had talked to Offey and latter was to call Frankfurt to try to get action from DP man there. Houston suggested this information be passed on to [] with note that any clarification which Offey gets by phone will be passed on through us to [] Reported to [] [] said he would hold off till end of day for results of Offey phone calls, cautioning that he would need some identification reference to make phone call to Frankfurt identifiable by Army in Heidelberg. [] also noted [] and [] in OSO had interest in subject.

11 Mar Offey proving unreachable last night, his secretary reported today that he had reported to Houston after office hours last night. Houston relayed info to us that DP boss here had advised Offey not to phone Squadrini, DP man in Frankfurt and that DP office here would cable Squadrini again. Houston thought it unwise to let Army cable to ~~get~~ Eucom to get in touch with Squadrini on subject because, due to security aspect, it was probable Squadrini was handling subject under alias. Houston said I, [], now had all he had but if [] had further questions he was entirely free to go after Houston direct. This reported to [], who will now put up to his front office choice of going to Offey direct or cabling Eucom that situation is not cleared up here and will advise soon as is.

11 Mar pm [] reports he saw Offey, who cursed "the bureaucrats" but had nothing substantive to contribute. So Army is cabling Eucom what Houston suggested yesterday: case urgent, pending, will advise. We and [] agree to exchange any info on subsequent developments.

18 Mar 49 - [] asks us to remind Offey of early opportunity that Army is going to want a definite answer from him at some point to detain []

16 May [] new man in Offey's office, showed up to say Poppe was arriving in US at Wash Airport at 1030, 17 May. Checked Offey and found he was already in US at Westover, and would be cleared and on shuttle at time indicated. [] apologetic for short notice and confusion in his office and appealed for our sympathetic aid. [] assigned, returned to L Bldg with [] and settled moot points with Offey. Poppe to be known as Karl H. Bergstrom, to be put in Brighton Hotel, and to be shepherded by us fairly constantly for a week or ten days. [] to deal with him as [] refused request that [] use cover name for himself. Poppe to be on OPC payroll at \$500 per month, ask we to use OPC money from start. Question of exploitation not dealt with and [] instructed to feel it out and report what he finds out prior to formal raising of this question with Offey.

17 May [] given \$700 by [] turns in \$600 to [] for safekeeping. [] meets subject at airport, settles him in hotel, reports in by phone at 1130. [] notified, to call hotel direct. Address: Brighton Hotel, 2123 California St., NW, phone NO 4430 Ext 207. [] to work on permanent quarters but not rush it. Overtime note sent in on [] est 6 hrs per day, [] est 40 hrs over week-end.

19 May 49 Security Branch advises that the Bureau has cleared subject for contact. There was no add info furnished (incidentally, [] says that OPC got clearance direct from the Bureau and OPC did not coordinate that with us.)

19 May

All of following turned over to [] for Offie for return to us where our action indicated:

All entry papers and credentials taken from subject at Westover & he has none. His guide at Westover was Lt. Col. Ash.

Subject has long-term professional colleague and friend at Belgian Order of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4651 25th St, Arlington, name Antoine Mosteard, nationality Belgian, profession, outstanding scholar of Kongolian with 20 years at Catholic Univ in Pekin, left China month or six weeks ago, closest US professional colleague Owen Lattimore at Johns Hopkins who is described as a full fellow-traveller. It is possible Mosteard will wind up at Hopkins with Lattimore. Subject is in no hurry to see him but is obviously free to without permission unless we are reasonable. Also subject has job offers from Harvard Russian Institute and Washington Univ, Seattle, latter as prof of oriental languages under Prof Taylor at \$6,000. No hurry on these either, but last dope in overseas correspondence was that subject would be here before 1 June and if he cannot communicate with them reasonably soon they will be starting search for him in Germany. Furthermore a long silence here will in itself be suspicious to them and may either prejudice the security of CIA operations with him or arouse suspicions of subject who is a USSR national after all and hence a ready object of suspicion. Such instances of complexities arising from cover will multiply as time goes on and our recommendation is that cover be dropped when subject is moved to a permanent residence, placing him there under his own name as a quiet person who then will arouse no curiosity among his neighbors nor suspicion among his normal associates. [] sees eye to eye on this and will try to get Offie into same viewpoint. China man at OPC definitely interested in Mosteard, who has been approached only by Army Map Service so far as our BRK informant could discover. They have him with request to give him back free or with coordination, depending on whether they open him up,

*Prof. Mosteard
Dir. of the
Inst. of
Lang. 5*

20 May

[] still waiting to see Offie. Chances against any OPC activity with subject before week-end or any OPC decisions or recommendations on above. [] strongly agrees with our recommendation on exploitation, that he be peddled anonymously and for requirements only, no interviews, with very full dope on his competence and specific fields. This gives us an opportunity to explore non-interview techniques using Offie for cover as the silent partner in the back room if anyone gets awfully hot about it. Bill's excellent raw material for the peddling memo turned over to Pete for processing. NB - Offie has 20-page biography of subject.

26 May

Poppe dines with Offie and Bullitt at the Bullitt's. During the course of the evening, Offie tells Poppe that he is to hang around Washington for about six months under cover. During this period, he will be assigned various projects and will be occasionally interviewed. Offie also said that an FBI agent will visit him shortly to interview him.

[] reports that the morale of Poppe is slowly sinking. He has been given the run around by Offie. He knows little of what he is to do, how he is to do it, when he is to do it, or why he is to do it. He would like a schedule to follow. Poppe feels that he can complete the work expected of him more rapidly if he knows what Offie and company want.

Poppe stated that he was very willing to work here, but he would like to have Offie review his personal problems so that a mutual understanding of Poppe's affairs is realized.

26 May. Offie's secretary calls and lets us in on the secret that a Mr. ^{Yagan} ~~Yagan~~, a Historian, and a Miss Blue, a specialist on Mongol affairs, will want to get in touch with Bergy, and will do so only thru us. We are to be aware of Bergy's whereabouts at all times, and handle any requests that those two people make to see him.

Delivered Bergy to Offie, and met his honor, at 2020 25 May. Offie cheerful and requested my home telephone number so that he could call me at odd hours. He did not get the phone number-a question arises- who do we work for?

Bergy a scholar, and will probably give an excellent accounting on any bona-fide requirement with which he might be conversant. However, the work will come slowly, as he is a character who moves very slowly and carefully. Be lieve I have his full confidence, and will certainly get cooperation from him.

[] calls and states that a Mr. Yagan will take his place.

26 May 49

[] delivers request for requirements to [] [] [] and [] [] He explains to them that this case is not the "trial balloon" for the system that [] is presently setting up. [] informs above 4 people that he will pick up from them the requirements when they are ready. Deadline 2 June 49.

This, with new names mentioned, following Security's 3-alarm alert, led [] to call [], who asked [] to please find out score at OPC without revealing [] interest. [] checked & found OPC's widest channels were to State & Davies is Kennan's assistant. [] reassured and air cleared generally. If [] can get to Offey and make his changes stick, marked improvement in dealings with OPC should result.

2 June 49

Poppe gave the following papers etc. to Immigration authorities in Westover who promised to return all within one month.

1. Copies of his travel orders
2. Medical record
3. Ltr from Frankfort office with temporary address given as 718-18th NW Wash. D.C. for Poppe during his visit here. (Mr. connected with above address)
4. Visa
5. Death certificate ~~xxxxxxxx~~ for his wife

Project "Situation in China" turned over to () by () for disposition.
Picked up by (), sent by ().

2 June 49

FBI moves in by calling on Poppe at 8 p.m. this date. () on hand to receive Agents Marr and Jones. FBI ~~xxxxxxxx~~ offices made available that night to interview Poppe. Poppe returned to Hotel at abt 11 pm.

(Note: Although Offie mentioned FBI interest ~~ix~~ no coordination of time, place, etc., of interview was made with Alien Section. FBI arrival this date came as a complete surprise. NUTZ. Marr can be reached at FBI x-2000)

3 June 49

FBI continues interview. Agent MacQueen and Agent Marr escort Poppe to FBI offices. MacQueen assigned to case. Will contact () for help if needed. () to act thru () on all FBI requests...says () () called () who said FBI should have coordinated, then called DeLoach who got fairly sore, said our clearance did not give us custody, only right to interrogate, that only OPC and SO got custody in certain cases, that Bureau could not keep field offices from making contact in any case (latter two points in direct conflict and when () pointed this out to DeLoach he reached his peak of annoyance). () told () DeLoach did know subject was CPC case as DeLoach had told () so & () told () to call DeLoach back and tell him this. () did, and when DeLoach wanted to know whether idea was to formulate future policy, register a protest or what, () said he was trying to find out the ~~sceme~~ because we, being agents in the case rather than principals, were in an embarrassing position when precipitate FBI action interfered with our carrying out our commitments to the party of primary interest. () called (). He did not know of FBI visit, but thought our topside security did. () told () he thought Offey did. This may have referred to Offey's knowledge that FBI was coming in some time, as reported on 21 May. Best bet is that FBI's skirts are cleaner than CIA's in mix-up.

6 June 49

() delivers letter from Poppe to Professor George Taylor, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and project "Northwestern China As a Potential Center of Anti-Communist Movements", to () for disposition.
() OK's a (), who will call her for appt.

6 June 49

() assures () that Offie will re-examine Poppe's Univ. of Wash. opportunity, and discuss the matter fully with Poppe before mailing Poppe's letter ~~xx~~ to Dean Taylor. Poppe's future is definitely in Offie's hands.

7 June

*Yeager OIR State, expresses and requests to see
Burgstrom Thurs. 9 June at 1400, with a Miss
Blair. () will handle. Yeager phone 4574
() will pick up yeager at 1400 Annex I*

7 June 49

() from OPC interviews Poppe this date. () CLAIMS to have 30 page auto biography on POPPE.

- 7 June 49 Mr Yeager and Miss Blue, State, will meet with Poppe at 2pm 9 June 49.
- 8 June 49 [] with Poppe purchases book, "Introduction to Korean"
- 8 June 49 [] advises [] that [] OPC, will meet with Poppe at 9am 9 June 49
- [] also advises that Mr. Arthur Ringwald, State will meet with Poppe at about 9am 10 June. [] to call at 191-4406 + pick up outside New State
- 9 June 49 Four reports turned in to Reports; based on SO requirements, titles:
Ethnic & Religious Frictions in Chinese Central Asia
Concealment of Moscow Rule under Fiction of Autonomy in Central Asian Reps.
Situation of & Relationships Between Racial Groups " " " "
Attitude of Central Asian Populations toward Soviet authority.
- 9 June 49 [] introduces [] to Bergstrom as Mr. BOSTICK. [] reviews Poppe's report 'Situation in China' with Poppe for clarity, organization and style (?).
Project 'Importance of Formosa' picked up by [] for Office
[] informs Poppe that difficulties in getting his sons over will delay their departure from Britain. No other news volunteered.
- 9 June 49 [] introduces Miss Blue and Mr. Yeager, State, to Poppe. Poppe interviewed - result of interview to be sent to [] by Miss. Blue.
In answer to an inquiry about other State people desiring to see Poppe, [] tells Blue and Yeager to tell these people to clear thru Davies, State.
Blue - State X-5097
- 10 June 49 Ringwald, State, meets Poppe. Spent two hours admitting State Dept. shortcomings in China and discussing Far East in general.
- 13 June 49 ^{Nancy S.} Miss Blue and Mr. Barnes, State, interview Poppe for two hours from 0915. Result of interview to be forwarded to [] by Blue.
Barnes requesting special session with Poppe at the Barnes home was told to clear thru Davies.
- 13 June 49 [] meets Office xxx to talk over general Poppe problems. As a result it was ascertained that Poppe will receive \$500.00 per month under contract as a consultant. Contract to last one year. Also, Poppe will write directly to Dean Taylor, U. of Wash. giving him a general situation report. The Poppe cover problem will be taken up by [] with as approved by Office with []
- 13 June 49 Because of Dr. TRAGER'S affiliation with Mr. Lattimore of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, it is recommended that Trager not meet or know of Poppe's activities at this time. Trager is Professor of Anthropology and Linguistics at the Foreign Service Institute-StateX-5712.
- 14 June [] makes arrangements for Bergin to leave Friday, 0900 on the Presidential, Seat 10, car 241
Mell and advised.

- 15 June 49 Project "Soviets in South Asia" given to [] for disposition.
- 15 June 49 () requests ()'s help in retrieving Poppe's papers surrendered to Authorities in Westover. () objects - says it is a () job
() says () will do.
() also to see Offie about Poppe's invitation to diner at the Nathan Barnes home. Offie gives () orders to locate Poppe permanently.
() passes buck to () () says Poppe wont move until Offie tells things over with Poppe giving him a complete picture of what is expected of him under what conditions. Offie to see Poppe ~~before~~ to brief him for trip to N.Y. () also says ~~it is a good idea to~~ blow Poppe cover ~~as~~ when practicable. He will tell us when time is ripe to blow
- 16 June. Contacted Westover and Col. Wentz and had Wentz check into the whole deal ~~and~~ to find out what the ultimate disposition of the papers was. Wentz checked with Asch (Col., and duty officer for that day, May 15, day Poppe arrived). Asch states that he picked up the man's papers because the man owed an \$10 head tax, and turned them over to the immigration people. Wentz then checked the immigration people and learned that the immigration people had tried to return the papers to Poppe when they received word from Wash. that all was in order, but could not find the body, so they sent the papers on to Springfield. Checking Springfield, Wentz learned that a Mr. Bent (ph), had sent on all papers in his possession on ~~the~~ to the Central Immigration Office, Washington, D. C.. All the above related to () who states that they will carry on from there.
- 16 June. () relates that the Barnes dinner date has been cancelled.
- 21 Jun Poppe returns from New York after his visit with members of VOA. While there he met many Russians who spilled the beans about State Department promises. As a result, Poppe writes letter to Offie explaining his general feeling regarding Offie's promises. Copy of letter can be found on file in this folder.
- 22 Jun () delivers sealed letter from Poppe to Offie. () as intermediary will see to it that letter is delivered this morning. () reports that Offie is making or has made arrangements with Life Magazine for a full-page spread, subject Poppe. ~~() says O. started contact with Life at least 1 day before P's letter delivered to him.~~
- 24 Jun () called () who stated that he understood he had given us definite permission to uncover subject. () thanked him and said we would act on that understanding although we had not so understood it earlier in the week. () expressed an unfavorable view of the contemplated Life exclusive break, and () agreed but referred this to (). () gave () permission to call () () expressed agreement with ()'s view but was surprised () had referred the matter to him, saying that they were only working under Offie's orders in the case. () blew his top re: Offie, and said he was anxious to arrange a round table conference with Offie present in the role of culprit. He said Offie had been operating and free wheeling all the way to the top and the resultant sufferers in OPC were determined to put a stop to it. He said he would be delighted to cut ~~Poppe~~ in on such a round table. () filled in () who suggested it would be good for () to see ()'s contemplated and, as yet, unauthorized memorandum. () dropped in and announced meeting was set for Monday but without OO personnel in first meeting as they preferred to wash their dirty linen at home at least as to the first very dirty water. () mentioned his memo to () and () agreed that he had "stolen" it from () desk and walked out with it for his own information. () and () saw Poppe and told him we had now permission to break cover, suggested it be done coincident with move from hotel to apartment, told Poppe he was free to write Taylor. Poppe willing to postpone Seattle job, but felt firm date was least we could supply him with. () and () agree (a) to find apartment and move this weekend or as soon as possible thereafter, (b) to get firm date on when he could go to Seattle, and (c) to get definite statement of present status of arrangements regarding subject. Subject pretty damned lappy. () closed deal for apartment; to move + change identity Mon, 27 Jc.

27 June 49 Poppe moved fr om Hotel Brighton to:

3067 Canal St. NW (Georgetown)
temporary tele # Michigan 2292

Apt subleased from []
CIA x-2505

Rent \$96.00 inc all utilities except telephone

27 June 49 Poppe VOA report to Thayer delivered to () for disposition. () gives report to () who in turn will mail to Thayer in NYO.

29 June 49 (), OFC, requests another interview with Poppe at 4pm this date.

30 June 49 () to arrange interview for Hershel (Herschel) Williams, Air Intel.
() cleared with () for this interview.

30 June 49 Offie, with 2 Life Magazine representatives, has dinner with Poppe and advises Poppe to cooperate with Life Magazine. Poppe does not see eye to eye with Offie on this deal.

Dean Taylor's secretary writes Poppe informing him that Dean Taylor will answer his letter early next week as he is out of town.

(), calls and recommends that () drop in his office to read correspondence between OFC and OFE, regarding Poppe reports.

→ () sees, recommends that () read report.

30 June 49 () gives () green light to install tele in Poppe's apt. () calls tele co. and they will contact Poppe directly.

1 July 49 (), OFC, calls () to inquire about Life Mag interest in Poppe.

5 July 49 () and () call on Poppe with requirements (F & P 1209). () meets Poppe 1st time. Poppe explains he has written a personal friend in British Intelligence (stationed in Germany but address HYMN, London W?) to ask for aid in establishing identity of his two sons.

7 July 49 () and () call on Poppe at 0850 hrs. Poppe claims illness, explains symptoms.

1100 hrs - (), CIA Medical Officer, visited Poppe at request Alien. Diagnosis :- a. Chronic prostatitis with obstructive symptoms.
b. Malnutrition.
c. Low grade, chronic cystitis.
d. Headache.

() prescribed Syntropan and Brotropin, plenty of food, warmth, and recommended removal of P. to a dry room. Infection will set in, and care must be exercised since P. is relatively old. () will visit 8 July.

1600 hrs - () and () call on Poppe. P hands over accomplished F & P 1209. Still looks ill. () feeds Poppe and fills the icebox, using \$4.93 of the \$150 advanced by () at 1500 hrs. Balance of \$150 kept by ().

8 July 49 0900 hrs - () and () visit. Poppe has picked up and looks rel. chipper. () takes extended blood and other tests, confirms previous diagnosis. Says he can stop the infection. P given vitamin pills.

9 July 49 2030 hrs - () calls on Poppe. Subject happy, but requests typewriter.

10 July 49 1900 hrs - () takes (own) typewriter to Poppe.

11 July 49 0850 hrs. - () pays Poppe \$125, takes him to Library of Congress. Poppe happy.

- 12 July 49 OE4G hrs - [] drives Poppe to Library of C. Poppe says he still has no identity or other papers, although they were promised at Westover. [] to see about this. Poppe's sons have received the money he sent them, but are still unemployed.
- 13 Jul 49 [] sees Poppe, retrieves Pete's catalogue manuals. Poppe hops.
- 14 Jul 49 [] gives Poppe OFC questions. Tells him to write to N for papers or receipt.
[] promises to call tomorrow with balance F money for July. Office says OFC will evaluate Poppe's reports at once upon receipt at Alien.
[] says no dice; they must go out normally.
- 18 Jul 49 [] drives Poppe to Library, stopping at CARE as he has request for food from his sons. Poppe will wait two more weeks for word from British Intelligence about his papers.
- 19 Jul 49 [] pays Poppe \$370 to complete \$500 for July. Poppe opens bank a/c. Missing \$5 went for groceries. (Riggs, Wisc. & N, N.F.)
- 20 Jul 49 [] calls on Poppe. Still no news from Dr. Taylor. Poppe gives [] further info on USSR universities/schools requested by Office.
- 22 Jul [] sees Poppe and apologizes for [] failure to call as arranged 1730 hrs Jul 21. Poppe asks phone service. Says no word either from Seattle or I & K
[] calls phone co., requests service and gives self as reference. Machine will be installed 1500 hrs 26 Jul.
- 25 Jul 49 [] takes Poppe to Library. Reads letter from Taylor, confirming appointment but giving no terms. T obviously hedging until gets word what CIA will contribute. T must be told ~~no~~ no dice fast, or Poppe will never get definite contract, ???
- 26 Jul 49 [] sees Poppe, whose phone is now installed - Adams 0605. Still no word from British Int.
- 28 Jul 49 [] and [] see Poppe, who digresses for 30 minutes on his theory to form a Russian study institute for collection of intelligence on the USSR. Institute to be divided into fields of interest under experts, and to be central repository of info. To publish classified books on special subjects of intelligence value for govt. dissemination, based on German method which subject claims was excellent. Poppe is disgusted at our lack of coordination and amateurish approach. We are disorganized and unprepared, he claims.
- 1 Aug 49 [] and [] see Poppe, [] gives him questions. F gives [] a paper for Office, and asks action by us in case of his sons. [] wants complete itinerary Poppe family, names, etc., since leaving USSR. [] to get.
[] calls [] and asks statement of chance of getting funds to sponsor sons' trip US in event they get visas. [] to find out.
Letter received from Seattle explaining Taylor's case...see folder.
- 2 Aug 49 [] sees Poppe, drives him to Library. P states US CIC team, Frankfurt knows all about him.
[] sees Poppe in afternoon, gives him questionnaire for sons's data, which he is to have complete by Thurs. A.M. F asks for headache powder, gives [] prescription.

4 Aug 49 () takes () (OPC) to see Peppe. Peppe hands over paper for (), and also info on sons (completed questionnaires).

Miss Blus of State, who talked to Ballis (personal friend) while on West coast about Peppe, mentioning him only as a scientist in the USSR but not US, asked for list of all CO/B's from P. () phones list to Blus's office

5 Aug 49 () (ORE) called, said following 6 people would like interview with either singly or in groups :

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[]
[]
[]
[]

[] to arrange.

At 1500 hrs., [] [] and [] (sub. for [] saw Peppe and talked for 1 1/2 hrs. [] took notes and will write reports on anything of interest.

1645 hrs - [] called [] and asked if next 2 would go Monday at 1500 hrs. [] to check.

8 Aug 49 [] takes [] and [] ([] squad) to see P. 1 1/2 hrs. conversations. [] took notes and will write reports on anything of interest.

9 Aug 49 [] sees Peppe, who now has new phone number - Adams 2284. No other business conducted.

11 Aug 49 [] and [] see Peppe, who talks for an hour. Took notes to be whipped into reportable form.

12 Aug 49 Dinner at Sherham - present were Peppe, his buddy Prof. Mark of Estens. [] [] Only subjects of general USSR aspects were discussed. mark had verbal diarrhea. *Viking Foundation - language expert*

16 Aug 49 [] sees Peppe early, having received phone call late last night respect to papers from Seattle. Turns out they are questionnaire from university which [] aided P to fill out, and a subversive pledge which was notarized by Robertson, V/Pres. of the Hamilton Natl. Bank corner M and Wisc., Georgetown. Peppe swore not to be subversive - witnessed by Robertson, signing, []'s enforcer.

0900 hrs. Peppe asks his pay. [] calls [] who will cough up this PM.

1000 hrs. [] (ORE) called, said no more boys to see Peppe

17 Aug 49 [] gives Peppe #250***

18 Aug 49 [] sees Peppe, who is to collect for photostating by us all papers pertaining to his sons. Photos to be sent to sons. Ballis is to be in DC, contact Peppe, last week August. Seattle expects Peppe before 28th Sept. [] to get train, air schedules and prices for P.

19 Aug 49 [] gets papers from Peppe, to be photo'd. Returns them same day.

22 Aug 49 [] sees Peppe, who has received letter from Br Intelligence man W:- [] (male) address: EM./F.H.Y.N. London W.C.1 Letter states [] will try to get sons over here. Peppe hands over paper for Offie - titled "Is Cooperation With The Soviet Union Possible?"

23 Aug 49 [] returns [] letter, also gives Peppe introductory letter to Ivan L. Best, Seattle dept. store owner (Best's Apparel).

26 Aug 49 () received call from Poppe, who needed chest X-ray for Seattle. () drove Poppe to 469 C Street NW, District Health Dept., where he was informed of 1/2 hour wait. The old goat then remembered that he had left his soup on the stove. () drove back, found not only the soup in the last stages of dehydration, but the oven set at 300 degrees and not lit. One minute, forty four seconds later, () was at his desk in "Q" Bldg. Citation came in per second. 610

29 Aug 49 () received paper 'Documentation in Central Asia' for Poppe, also book and letter for Offie.

31 Aug 49 Offie's secretary called, asked for Poppe's new phone no.

2 Sep 49 0900 - () saw Poppe, borrowed USSR Soldier's Pass to be returned in a week, used in partial fulfillment OSU requirements 22 Aug 49/

Poppe has received papers from Medics, show TB scars. Seattle may kick about this, the old man feels, 'though he swears they are old scars and he is very healthy.

Now the shot's fired: Poppe says a LIFE reporter was brought by Offie yesterday, and Poppe was asked by Offie to pursue subjects talked about with O'Brien in Germany one year ago. Reporter told by Offie that his (Poppe's) reports would be shown for benefit of LIFE - in Offie's office! Poppe told reporter no dice - info is for govt. only - when reporter asked for stuff from Poppe. Poppe was only willing to talk on general subjects. Poppe expressed concern to []

0930 - back at the office, [] is calling. Offie wants all Poppe's reports at once. When questioned, Offie denied these were for LIFE man. [], on our side, implied he feels Offie may have 'distorted the truth'. Offie sent list of OOB nos. over [] signature.

1100 - [] sees [], who expresses sorrow incident, hopes we are not disturbed.

1500 - [] sees Poppe, pays him, and asks him not to talk to any more reporters, or [] until Offie clarifies. Poppe, who has worked up quite a nate about the whole thing, says he feels this is not in the best interests of the US, will not see any more newsmen, and wants to know if he is being linked by name to reports, and if our stuff is available to the public. If so, where does he stand ?? [] reassures him.

1545 - [] sees [] who wants memo to [] giving dope.

6 Sep 49 Memo sent to [] - see in folder - hand carried by []

7 [] and [] see Poppe, who reaffirms distaste for publicity. Poppe has had request for more chest info from Seattle, and letter from Br. Intelligence stating things are about to move - see folder.

7 Sep 49 Appointment made for another picture, this time by [] CIA. Photo to be sent to Seattle, thus save time.

9 Sep 49 [] returned passbook to Poppe. Poppe reports that Pres. of Seattle University is in town. A physician. the pres. wants to see Poppe next week about his physical condition. [] willing to take another picture if Red X has already forwarded 1st one to Seattle upon their request.

Poppe says [] and a tall man saw him this noon and stated they want him to remain in town. Poppe told them he would talk to Pres. of Univ. about it, but expressed dismay and said he thought he would lose job out there. They said "yes, we understand, but we'll see you this Monday and explain what we want you to do". In other words, TS.

When I talked to him, he seemed very depressed, and said he would like a contract, and promise of speedy passage for his sons, if to stay here. Also pointed out he could be reached in Seattle. Does NOT like it. He asks, why did I not get contract, if they now want me? Told him this is still free country, he may go if he wishes. He is torn between gratitude to US and security for his family, and appalled by this big governmental bird that apparently endlessly fouls its own nest and these of its contacts."

- 9 Sep 49 (Contd.) [] told of this over phone, knew nothing of [] visit, nor of plan to keep Poppe here in DC., [] who talked to him, then asked him if he knew of the furor caused by [] note to [] Again, [] had been told nothing. He asked why had he not been told? [] couldn't answer that one, since nobody had told Alien either/of [] visit/.
- 10 Sep Told Poppe today that his trip is OK by [] and co.
- 13 Sep 49 Called Poppe. He has invitation to dinner with Pres. Allen for tomorrow night, at which time all health problems will be ironed out. In meantime is waiting for word from Seattle. Ticket option expires tomorrow 1700 hrs.
- 14 Sep 49 Got him his ticket. He will leave Sat.. Liberty Natl. (see memo to []) He is being told that [] will contact him in Seattle. [] to pay complete moneys up to Sat. 17th. He has been promised a ride to the station Sat. Train leaves 4:30pm EST, 5:30 Daylight time.
- 15 Sep 49 Poppe dined with Sallis and Allen last night, had a good time. He has been informed definitely that he is to be hired by the University. If at end six months he disintegrates, they have option of dropping his contract.
- Thurs afternoon Poppe has made appointment with Mosteard (see leg May 19). He is not worried about this visit, since he is due to leave town anyway, and will not tell Mosteard of his govt. contact.
- 17 Sep 49 [] and [] drive Poppe to station, put him on train and say tearful goodbyes. Poppe expresses gratitude our attention, hopes for the future.
- 18 Oct 49 [] sees Warner (Gen. Counsel's office) about Poppe's problems. Warner says he must pay the high tax since sons being over 21 years of age are not considered dependents. Warner was very pessimistic about immigration of the boys, said maybe they would have to come on the USSR quota - two year wait. Warner further said that OPC originally informed him that the boys didn't want to come here and that Poppe didn't want them here. Warner said he discounts this piece of news as it comes from OPC, which he considers is staffed by people who know very little and lie about what they know. [] offered no comment.
- Warner (saw him later in day) said Poppe is paying non-resident alien taxes and should explain to Revenue that he is resident. Also said only way to get sons here would be to ship them back to DP camp in Germany and let them get on ~~the~~ DP quota. He wants all background info however so as to determine whether they are eligible for the DP law.
- 20 Oct 49 [] said to send memo Seattle telling [] all above and asking him to find out promises made to Poppe, Poppe's attitude about our commitments to him, and etc.
- Called [] to find out Offie's interest. He said Offie has left and won't be back for two weeks. However, Offie would be behind any move to help the old guy, and would be the logical contact man for any dealings with the British and IRO. [] said Offie probably made promises to Poppe, but would lie about them. [] asked for info copies of anything we do on him. [] said no to this.
- Houston called, said he would try to find out if he could make a deal with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to bring them over on 1st preference non-priority. Letter received from Poppe dated 17 Oct /see file/ supercedes all else. Called Houston and told him of this, the boys' reinstatement in their original names. He asked for more info -exactly what the British did- and will do no more, except to check about the 1st preference, until he hears from me all the dope available. Will have to get this from Seattle.

- 24 Oct 49 Received teletype from Seattle asking advice on getting Poppe's sons into US
- 26 Oct 49 Sent letter from here by pouch supplemented with teletype both on same subject. Advice on sons' predicament
- 3 Nov 49 [] in [] office is now dealing with this case for OPC.
- 9 Nov 49 [] saw Warner: Before doing anything, Warner wants a request in writing, since he has no data in files about sons. He also wants more complete details than we have shown him, including full details on the boys' documentation. His opinion is that this case does not warrant the Director's quota being used. The boys will have to be reinstated as DP's. This will take much work, and he wants a memo from [] stating the extent of our interest - will it balance against the amount of work to be done? No good pinning Offie down to his original commitment, since it will still bounce back to Gen Counsel.
- Further, Warner wanted to know where Seattle gets the idea that Poppe himself came in under the Director's quota - wasn't in use at that time, and even if it had been there would have been no sign of it in his identity (I&N) card.
- 22 Nov 49 [] wrote a memo to [] telling him that it is in his hands - we have made our recommendations, and now leave the field to [] players. This was written in view of Tkw received today from []
- 2 Dec 49 SO called and stated that "EYES ALONE" classification does not apply to additional question sent from [] 15 Nov 49. Additional question, about USSR libraries' letting people see US publications, was sent to Seattle by TWA WA-3566 18 Nov 49, responsive to informal question by [] office. Formal requirement in on way over here.
- 6 Dec 49 Hand carried memo to Warner (c.c.) to Offie. Carried cc Seattle memo No. 369 to [] in lieu of writing it up as report.
- 14 Dec 49 [] requested short summary of our dealings with Poppe, for use by [] in a report. [] to do.
- 17 Jan 50 [] saw [] of the Offie entourage, asked about letter from IRO to Poppe's son in the UK - was it Offie's doing? If not, can Offie do anything to speed the process? Told that in spite of [] statement that [] is now the guy to deal with, [] is not as au courant as [] So... [] called [] who will keep us informed.
- 18 Jan 50 [] came over and talked about the sons. Said he could see no way of getting them in as DP's - perhaps as visitors with vague hopes for later extensions and perhaps clarification (favorable) of status. [] to ask Offie what the hell the score is, especially concerning the letter from IRO to the sons.
- 20 Jan 50 [] called, said the DP Commission had given him a negative answer on the sons. Perhaps, said they, a new bill will go through Congress, although we do not lay much hope in it. [] said he thought the whole thing very difficult, if not impossible, but would continue to work all the angles he can. We to be currently informed.
- 23 Feb 50 [] said that [] told Warner, OGC, that this is none of CIA's business. OGC has therefore dropped the matter and Offie must go on alone if anyone is to. [] said Offie has instructed ^{with} him to do what he can. Inference is that he ~~is~~ not strain himself.
- 2 Mar 50 Warner explained to [] he had prepared a memo to files after Offey said he was handling and dealing with DPCom, and [] on basis of this memo, had added a pencil scrawl that Poppe sons were no official obligation of agency, but in view of Offey's moral commitment, everything possible should be done unofficially. [] saw [] [] [] Offey & [] together, when Offey instructed [] to arrange with British to get sons back to Germany, adjust their records to indicate they had been in Germany throughout, and then work them through DP channel. [] took notes as Offey instructed, [] briefed files to pouch to London for [] and [] accepted assignment. He was returning to England this night.