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ACTION REQUIRED: None. For your information.

We are forwarding a copy of the "Brain Trust" proposal for PBCHORD coverage of the Congress of Orientalists which is being held in Munich during the period 28 August - 4 September 1957. This matter was originally brought to your attention in MUNI 2965 which summarized the attached report and asked whether or not the project could be undertaken.

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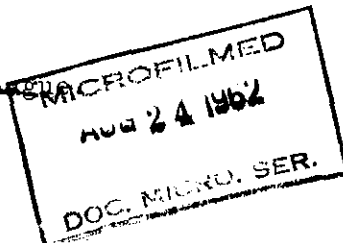
PROJECT 52

SUBJECT: Congress of Orientalists, Munich  
August 28 - September 4, 1957

There follows a plan submitted by the "Brain Trust" for a Project 52 action to be carried out during the above mentioned period.

Observer: Aleksey Alexejevich Obolenskiy  
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Will act as journalist,  
member of International Journalist League

To be instructed by: Mertzalov, W.



### I. General Information.

The International Congress of Orientalists at which some 40 people from the USSR and other countries of the Communist block are expected, assembles in Munich at the end of August. Apparently, from among the scholarly representatives of the Communist countries not only Russians will take part in the Congress, but also representatives of the eastern peoples and the Eastern union republics of the USSR.

The work of the Congress will continue for an entire week, from August 28 to September 4. The possibility arises of meeting and observing a number of personalities from the USSR in the sessions of the Congress, in committees, in sections and also in the lobbies of the congress. Obviously, it will be possible to establish personal contact with some of them and have conversations. All this offers the possibility of gathering some notion of this category of Soviet citizen.

In addition to questions directly concerning the Congress itself, oriental studies, philology, etc., it would be exceptionally interesting to shed some light on another sort of question, e.g., the nationalities question; the relationship of the representatives of the eastern peoples to the Soviet system, the Soviet government, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its leaders; questions of national culture and the influence on it of party and governmental policy. Finally, it will be possible through clarification of some questions to establish the point of view, attitude and situation of the Congress participants themselves with whom one happens to come in contact.

### II. Approximate Plan of Research.

#### 1. External and Psychological Appearance of the subject.

- a. Clothes and shoes - quality, style, correspondence to fashion. Articles of personal use, their outward appearance and quality (watches, billfolds, wallets, cameras, combs, etc.).

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- b. Manner of carrying himself: shyness, loquaciousness, moroseness; ebullience, affability, suspiciousness, guardedness, credulity;
- c. Ability to express himself in foreign languages (which languages and to what degree);
- d. Attitude toward foreigners he meets, such as members of the Congress, press representatives, private persons - foreign; toward the emigration;
- e. The nature of the mutual relationships among the Soviet delegates - among themselves, with the superiors and with the Soviet observers;
- f. To what degree Soviet control and supervision is evident, and how it is evidenced;
- g. How does the subject react to various manifestations of life outside the homeland: goods, stores, displays, museums, theaters, movies, street traffic, etc.
- h. Do the Soviet delegates make purchases and if so, of what kind. What possibilities do they have for this - money supply. Do they have recourse to aid from foreigners or emigres and if so, under what circumstances.

## 2. Questions.

The observer must exercise special tact and care in personal encounters; if possible, he should not place the subject in a difficult situation, but rather, where possible, he should come to his aid (purchasing, explanation, information, etc.).

A conversation must begin with general topics closely concerned with the Congress and the speciality of the interlocutor and only later pass over to concrete questions.

### Sample list of questions:

- a. How do you like the Congress and its organization?
- b. What do you think of the lecturers?
- c. How do you like life in Germany?
- d. How does the matter presently stand in the USSR regarding alphabets for the Eastern peoples; which basis is now regarded as most suitable and why, Arabic, Latin, Russian or of some sort of special mixed base?
- e. What sort of influence does this have on national culture and in what way is it evidenced?

- f. What do you think about the Soviet slogan "A Culture National in Form and Socialist in Content"?
  - g. What should this socialist content per se be?
  - h. What do you think about the nationality policy of the Soviet government and the Soviet Communist party in general and in particular in recent times?
  - i. How is the development of industry going in your republic? Of agriculture? What improvements are to be observed in recent times?
  - k. How do the people live in general: Workers, kolkhozniks, office workers, VIP's, etc.?
  - l. What is the present state of affairs regarding the provisioning of the populace? Products?
  - m. What do you think of the recent events in the Kremlin?
  - n. Do you know anything about the life of the emigration? Do you listen to foreign broadcasts, for instance, the BBC, Voice of America, Radio Liberation, etc.?
  - o. What do you think of these broadcasts and what sort of references to them do you hear?
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- p. What do you hear of emigre organizations and what do you think of them?
  - q. How are the relations of the Soviet people to the foreign world, in particular to the USA.
  - r. What do you think of the disarmament policy and of the possibility of an atomic war? What do you think of the possibility of avoiding an atomic war and how should this, in your opinion, be attained?
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The above information will be sought only through the establishment of friendly contact. The questions listed above are meant only as a general outline; and will in no case be put directly, bluntly or obviously. No notes will be taken in the presence of the Soviets. There will be no provocation, no instigation to defect, no overt propagandizing.

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