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The attached document, Attachment No. 3 of NEDA-2982 of 28 April 1962, indicates at a Lt. Col. PRUSAKOV was attached to the Soviet Embassy in New Delhi, India in 1962. There were no further references to this individual in RID/Main Index. A check will be made in SR.

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HMMA-2982, 28 April 1962
Attachment No. 3

1. Commander Vladimir G. DIANKIN

1. Daniel C. GELANT encountered Lt. Commander Vladimir Grigoryevich DYANKIN at Col. Kenneth Curtis', (Army Attache, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi) farewell party for Lt. Col. Roger Young, Assistant U.S. Army Attache, New Delhi, on 20 April 1956. Although GELANT had observed DYANKIN from a distance as he was emerging from the Jvoti movie house, New Delhi after the last show on 25 March 1956, he had not actually talked with him since a brief conversation on 12 November 1955 at the Saudi Arabian legation on the occasion of the Saudi Arabian National Day celebration.

GELANT was conversing with Capt. William Benedict, U.S. Army, who is a FAST student attached to the Office of the Embassy's Army Attache. DYANKIN, who had been talking to an Indonesian, came over and joined GELANT and Benedict. GELANT introduced him to Benedict. Conversation centered about the weather in New Delhi and Moscow. Benedict departed and DYANKIN inquired about his name and his position. GELANT and DYANKIN then conversed for about half an hour between themselves re lengths of foreign service, towns and languages. Colonels NINA DOLY and PRUSANOV of the local Soviet Embassy were wandering about in the background but made no attempt to come over. Later, GELANT's wife joined him and DYANKIN for about ten minutes of further conversation concerning various kinds of food and automobiles.

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2. DIANKIN and his family are going on home leave to the USSR on 5 May and plans call for them to return to New Delhi about the end of July or early August 1956. DYANKIN and his family will fly via Kabul to Tashkent. From there onward, DYANKIN plans to proceed by train as he is interested in seeing for the first time this part of the USSR. Actually, DYANKIN is annoyed that he cannot return via Europe, a route which to him is more preferable. But, according to him, because of the new air agreement between the GOI and his government, all Soviet Embassy personnel leaving Delhi for the USSR from May 1956 onward will have to travel via Kabul. DYANKIN hopes to spend the first few weeks of his home leave at a Black Sea resort and the remainder of the time in Moscow.

3. DIANKIN has been taking English language lessons locally but stopped them on 1 April 1956 — with the advent of his home leave, his interest in English has lagged somewhat.

4. DIANKIN stated that he was in Norway in 1947 with the Soviet Navy. It was here he says that he first tried American cigarettes. He stated also that in 1949 he was in Italy with the Soviet Navy. He landed at Naples and while there, took the train to Rome. He was impressed by the "Rapido" (express train, Naples-Rome).

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5. DYAKOV does not like Italian food; dislikes tomato sauces and salads -- he refers to salads as "mountain grasses". However, he does like Italian wine.
6. DYAKOV has sold his automobile (1948 Oldsmobile, MA-2504, CD tags).
7. DYAKOV is still smoking Dumaurier cigarettes. According to him, he smokes about fifteen a day.
8. DYAKOV has a brother who is a law graduate and who is employed in the Ministry of Cultural Affairs (in Moscow). This brother is studying the English language on his own initiative.
9. DYAKOV stated that the Secretary to the Soviet Naval Attache (who according to the Station files is Lt. Valentin Semenovich SHAPVALOV) was recently ill with jaundice.
10. While the conversation was on the subject of automobiles, DYAKOV stated that the Soviet Embassy does not have any Soviet automobile mechanics; that the Embassy has only about 10 or 12 official vehicles.

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