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Mr. Joseph Alsep

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Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your comment on Miss Long's data.

The contradiction between estimates of Soviet uranium resources is actually only apparent. The resources are probably there but not readily exploitable because of quality of ore. It is unfortunately true that there are large reservoirs of low grade uranium materials. In our own case, as you know, we have them but we also import quantities from other countries.

The publications that Miss Long refers to, specifically the Bashilev report on the "Tadshik-Pamir Expedition of 1933," are familiar to us and that information, together with a great deal more from other sources has all been considered in our evaluations.

Sincerely yours,

*Signed - Kelly
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Dear Hillie:

I would not like to suggest that your research analysts have overlooked any bets, but what is the explanation of the apparent violent contradiction between the estimates of Soviet uranium resources now prevailing here, and the extremely impressive information published on page 27 of Sunday's NEW YORK TIMES, in a story by Tania Long, with London dateline?

It seems to me that the data which Miss Long has apparently secured from Isaac Deutscher are particularly impressive, since the supposed uranium deposits are located in the same Turkistan region where I too had heard rather authoritative reports of uranium deposits on the Chinese side. Moreover, if the figures given about the areas of Russia subjected, at different times, to thorough-going geological survey are truly reliable, the documents which you mentioned to me must surely be regarded as only partial evidence. Again, I repeat, I do not want to seem contentious, but I am honestly puzzled by the difficulty of reconciling what I have heard here in Washington and this information which now comes from London.

Sincerely yours,


JOSEPH ALSOP

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Thank you so much for your note of January sixteenth and its enclosure. I have read it with deep interest, and return it herewith as requested.

I greatly enjoyed and benefitted by our talk the other day, and hope that we may meet soon again.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Alsop
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH ALSOP -

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Attached is the article I spoke to you about yesterday which, although containing nothing classified, presents the picture of a Communist dominated country (Yugoslavia) in a little different way than normally. If you can use it, you are at liberty to do so, but, when you have finished, please return it to me.

S - by Land 1/16/48
R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

Encl - *Returned under date 1/26/48.*
Chap I

"Which ~~gives~~ *gives* us the kind of impression the Casual Observer would form in a given country and also shows us why those impressions are wrong."
(Zlatarovich)