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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ✓
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, THE JOINT STAFF
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Policy Concerning Treatment of USSR Attachés Accredited to the United States.

1. On 17 January 1950, Lt. Col. V. A. Svechnikov was accredited to the Department of the Air Force as Assistant Air Attaché for the USSR. In addition, the State Department is in receipt of a visa request for Major General V. N. Kuvinov to enter the United States as Military Air Attaché early in 1950. As this ends a period of approximately 12 months during which there has been no Soviet accreditation to the Department of the Air Force, it creates a problem as to USAF policy toward Russian Air Attachés.

2. Within recent years, the attitudes and machinations of Soviet diplomatic personnel have forcibly impressed upon us the truth that they cannot be treated with the same spirit of friendliness and honor that we have customarily shown the official representatives of other foreign governments accredited to this country. Any attitude of cooperation or kindness on our part towards the Soviets has been taken as a sign of weakness, exploited to the utmost, and resulted only in stricter limitations upon our diplomatic representatives accredited to the Soviet Union.

3. The general public and our government have passed the point where any illusions exist as to the true purpose of Soviet diplomatic representatives in this country, and their reactions toward our attempts to act as a host to strangers in a foreign country. It is believed, therefore, that the time is opportune to adopt a new U. S. policy with respect to Soviet service attachés and to extend this policy to attachés from Soviet satellite nations to the same degree as may be compatible with the treatment afforded U. S. diplomatic representatives in the

USAF review(s) completed.

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MEMO: Policy Concerning Treatment of USSR Attachés (Cont'd.)
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satellite countries.

4. In order that this policy may be established on a high level, consistent with existing requirements and the total implication of the East-West conflict, it is recommended that the Intelligence Advisory Committee establish an ad hoc committee to develop for the consideration of the I.A.C. a recommended U. S. policy toward Soviet and satellite service attaché personnel.

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81ST CONGRESS
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H. J. RES. 433

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1950

Mr. RIVERS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that the United States shall withhold from representatives of foreign nations privileges which such nations withhold from representatives of the United States.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That the Congress hereby finds and declares—

4 (1) that certain foreign nations are withholding
5 from diplomatic, consular, and military representatives
6 of the United States privileges customarily granted by
7 nations to representatives of other nations;

8 (2) that among the privileges which are being so
9 withheld are the privileges to be free to employ adequate
10 staffs, to be free to visit areas having no military sig-

1 nificance, to be free to use transportation and communica-
2 tion facilities, and to be free from wiretapping and other
3 forms of espionage;

4 (3) that not only does such action by these foreign
5 nations seriously hinder the representatives of the United
6 States in the performance of their duties but it constitutes
7 an intolerable affront to the United States and to the
8 dignity of the representatives of the United States as
9 individuals;

10 (4) that it is therefore the policy of the United
11 States to withhold from representatives of a foreign
12 nation any privilege which such foreign nation with-
13 holds from representatives of the United States having
14 equivalent rank and duties.

15 SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of all officers of the
16 United States having duties relating to the granting of
17 privileges to representatives of foreign nations to take such
18 action as may be necessary to carry out the policy declared
19 in the first section of this joint resolution.

20 (b) Whoever knowingly and willfully violates this sec-
21 tion shall be fined not more than \$—— or imprisoned for
22 not more than ——, or both.

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