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2 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations with [REDACTED] in London on 8-11 March and in Geneva on 14-25 March 1962

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1. At our meeting on 8 March [REDACTED] was very pessimistic about the future of the operation and expressed his personal belief that [REDACTED] had been compromised by overly enthusiastic photographic endeavour, possibly at the Main Artillery Headquarters after BUZINOV'S departure. [REDACTED] repeated his previously expressed views that the [REDACTED] meetings were much less likely to have caused trouble, but did admit that [REDACTED] behaviour at the last two meetings (12 and 19 January) was noteworthy in that it reflected, for the first time, some concern on his part about the security of the meetings. On 12 January, when [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] at the Praga and led her to the street and entry which he had selected, he told her that he felt they had been overdoing the shop routine, and that the next time he wanted her to go straight to this same doorway. On 19 January, when [REDACTED] came down the street and started to enter the designated doorway, she saw [REDACTED] in the phone booth directly across the street making (or pretending to make) a phone call. He was in a position to see the length of the street in both directions. [REDACTED] joined [REDACTED] in the entryway a short time later and the meeting took place as already reported, without any comment on his part as to why he had been in the phone booth. [REDACTED] left first and has not seen [REDACTED] since.

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2. On 9 March, when we related the substance of the first interview with [REDACTED] took some pains to review the record in the light of the fresh information and to admit, in effect, that he had been wrong about the risks involved in the street meetings. [REDACTED] told us that on 19 January, when [REDACTED] was taking the bus to her ballet class she noticed a car make a U-turn in front of the bus to follow it. This was the first and only time that she noticed anything that might be construed as surveillance of her. (She did not observe any surveillance when she went from the ballet class to the meeting with [REDACTED])

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3. In subsequent discussions at Geneva about future communications with [REDACTED] on his own initiative took the position that we should abandon street meetings as the primary means of contact with [REDACTED] and that we should accept reduced production as the price of increased security. This, of course, is our own view, and

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whatever the past difficulties may have been, it appears that we will not have any trouble with [REDACTED] on this score in the future. It was agreed with [REDACTED] that both sides would strive to place people in a position to have social and professional contact with [REDACTED] that we would try to improve the impersonal commo arrangements in the operation [REDACTED] a more flexible W/T plan, emergency S/W channel, better dead drop, etc.), and that if need be, we would simply be patient during the intervals between [REDACTED] trips abroad. It was recognized that we might well have some trouble with [REDACTED] himself when it comes to cutting down personal meetings in the USSR, but it was nonetheless agreed that we would do everything possible to achieve this.

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5. [REDACTED] fully agreed to the revised plan for W/T broadcasts which we presented.

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6. [REDACTED] agreed to our proposal that it would be desirable for [REDACTED] to have a set of prepared postcards which he could mail to accommodation addresses in the U.K. to signal certain key situations. To forestall [REDACTED] objections to the use of his own handwriting, these postcards would be furnished him with cover texts already written in (in English). Each postcard would stand for one simple message, the key to which could be the signature, the picture on the postcard, the accommodation address, or any other identifying mark agreed on with [REDACTED]. It was tentatively agreed that the following messages were the most important:

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- a. "I am under suspicion."
- b. "I am on an internal trip."
- c. "I am ready to do business again."
- d. "I will be coming to the West soon." (10 days notice)

Appropriate picture postcards were selected, and [REDACTED] undertook to have a batch of them prepared with various British handwritings and innocuous tourist texts to several accommodation addresses in the U.K.

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