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TO: Chief, SR
FROM: Chief of Station, Moscow

SUBJECT: [redacted] / Meeting with [redacted] at Fourth of July Reception 1.3(a)(4)

REFS: A. DIR 0067
B. DIR 0072
C. [redacted]

1. Forwarded herewith is [redacted] report of his meeting with [redacted] 1.3(a)(4) in Spaso House during the Fourth of July reception held there. Here follows an account of the action taken here in preparation for this meeting and brief comment on the meeting itself.

2. The possibility of the meeting and the various contingencies with which we would be concerned if and when it took place were discussed with [redacted] when I returned from London. We decided that [redacted] would scout Spaso by 1.3(a)(4) himself for dead drop possibilities; this he did, for the last time on 3 July. The dead drop site finally selected was on the underside of the cover of the water tank of the only toilet in the men's room, and suitable preparations were made to accommodate a 9" x 4" x 1" package from us to [redacted] and a similar package from him to us.

3. To be included in the package from us to [redacted] were: 1,000 rubles in 25 ruble denominations; the operational note delivered here by [redacted]; the 1.3(a)(4) operational note received via reference A; and the addendum to the latter received via reference B.

4. [redacted] and I met, using the pretext of a security briefing by 1.3(a)(4) [redacted] in the secure room on 2 July. The entire meeting plan was reviewed with Mequis and, because we would not meet again until the morning of the 4th, he was briefed on the required action for a two-way pass via dead drop.

5. I met [redacted] on 3 July as agreed upon in London. He reported that, up to that time, there had been two meetings between [redacted] and [redacted] 1.3(a)(4) and that there would be no need for a two-way pass at Spaso; [redacted] might have something for us but he doubted it. I asked what had been passed by [redacted] to [redacted] and, from [redacted] account, it was clear that [redacted] had received everything we had for him. [redacted] also reported that [redacted] would not be available in the West per references A and B, apparently for the same reason which squelched his two earlier planned trips.

[redacted]

6. At a second meeting with [REDACTED] on the morning of 4 July (with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also present), the final plan for identification of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and, as an outside possibility, a pass from him to us, was gone over and made firm.

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7. [REDACTED] and PETROCHENKO of reference C (hereafter referred to as Identity) appeared in the reception line at 1225, the reception having been scheduled 1200-1330. With [REDACTED] strategically stationed in the immediate area of the reception line (Minister Counselor and wife) to recognize [REDACTED] as he entered, the latter was immediately recognized and the signal given to [REDACTED]. As the attached report and reference C indicate, there never was a problem in recognition but only in managing some sort of separation, at least temporarily, between [REDACTED] and his companion, Identity. This was never accomplished to our satisfaction. [REDACTED] chose a less-than-one-minute-long interval to turn completely aside from Identity in order to tell [REDACTED] that he would have something for him next time and to receive [REDACTED] reply in kind, but this was apparently as far as he wished to go. From [REDACTED] and my own observations, he was seen at no time during the reception without Identity. While this was a bit of a disappointment to us, since [REDACTED] had been briefed to touch on future contacts if this became securely feasible, [REDACTED] quite properly did not force the issue. We are all certain that [REDACTED] had good reason for refusing operational contact beyond the single exchange, and I regret that there were no clues which came to our attention during the reception which will take us beyond speculation as to this reason at this time.

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8. PETROCHENKO is also something of an enigma to us at the moment, in that we are not yet certain how his name found its way to the invitation list. It does not appear on the "working invitation list" and, when I briefed the Minister Counselor this morning on the happenings on the 4th, he was unable to account for Identity's presence. It is quite possible that the name was placed on the final list by [REDACTED] after the Minister Counselor had indicated to him that [REDACTED] should be invited (one name was apparently deleted in order to accommodate PETROCHENKO; we are forwarding both the working and the final list by the next pouch.) The calling card which PETROCHENKO gave to [REDACTED] would indicate that he belonged on the list, and we do not necessarily view it as sinister that he and [REDACTED] remained glued to one another during the reception (we cannot be entirely certain of who was watching whom); however, this behavior does fit the unfortunate pattern of [REDACTED] interest in [REDACTED] and to this extent we find it disturbing.

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9. I have the following comments on [REDACTED] contact report:

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a. Para 2: [REDACTED] involvement with [REDACTED] was coincidental rather than contrived. He happened to be standing near [REDACTED] when Mrs. JONES when Mrs. JONES decided the time had come to spend some time with the Soviet guests, and forthwith introduced herself and [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and his companion. (It is entirely possible that [REDACTED] recognized both names as connected with the [REDACTED] dead drop.) I should add that I observed [REDACTED] at one point in the reception, in animated conversation with [REDACTED] and his companion; I have not yet had the opportunity to debrief [REDACTED] but I will apprise you of any significant results as soon as I do. I find the coincidence which pushed [REDACTED] into contact and whatever it was that prompted the [REDACTED] contact, unfortunate, but there was so much mixing of the various groups and individuals within the groups that I do not believe these contacts should necessarily be viewed with alarm.

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b. Para 3: From the limited opportunity I had for observation of [REDACTED] he was certainly in complete control of himself and on top of the situation. He demonstrated a willingness to mix with any and all, which he did. He was tastefully and neatly dressed, well barbered, and appeared to be in excellent health. I last saw him and PETROCHENKO drinking whiskey from shot glasses on the veranda at 1335, by which time the bulk of the Soviets--by no means all--had departed.

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c. Para 3: The tobacco delegation mentioned here represents our first opportunity to get [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] together; we shall pursue it and keep you advised of any significant developments.

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Attachment: [REDACTED] Report

[REDACTED]
1.3(a)(4)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1.3(a)(4)

SUBJECT: Meeting with [REDACTED] at July 4 Reception

1.3(a)(4)

1. [REDACTED] was among the last to arrive at the reception, not coming until about 1225. He was with PETROCHENKO. [REDACTED] spotted him and gave the signal (a wink) to [REDACTED]. After about five minutes [REDACTED] began moving in [REDACTED] direction, talking briefly to Soviets, as he had been doing during the whole reception. He introduced himself to PETROCHENKO and then [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had his coat unbuttoned and tie-clasp showing. The three chatted briefly and then PETROCHENKO said he was looking for WOODS. PETROCHENKO and [REDACTED] invited [REDACTED] to come into the barroom (next door) and have a drink. [REDACTED] said he would just look for WOODS. He could not find WOODS, so went in to have the drink. Then he was introduced to D. M. GVISHIANI and Ye. I. LEVIN. (Note: PETROCHENKO did most of the talking. [REDACTED] was, thought [REDACTED] slightly deferential to him. All, of course, were deferential to GVISHIANI.

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2. [REDACTED] then walked away, going into the other room, ostensibly to look again for WOODS. He came back perhaps fifteen minutes later and saw [REDACTED] and Mrs. Bill JONES talking to [REDACTED] and PETROCHENKO. [REDACTED] approached the group, but as [REDACTED] said "let me introduce you" [REDACTED] was pulled away by a somewhat drunk TIMIRYAZEV, Agricultural Academy official, and asked to drink to their new friendship. [REDACTED] returned in a few minutes, at which time [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] glass to fill at the bar. Thus [REDACTED] had his first chance to talk to [REDACTED] alone. The conversation was innocuous for a minute or so, when [REDACTED] said, "I will have something for you next time." [REDACTED] replied, "We will have something for you next time." [REDACTED] thinks [REDACTED] may have preceded his remark with something about "yesterday" but can't be sure. It might have been "Because of yesterday" or something like that. After this brief exchange the conversation returned to the social level. [REDACTED] tried to say something else, that we would try to arrange social meetings, but could not, as [REDACTED] turned the conversation back to pleasantries immediately. [REDACTED] did not get anything said except the one sentence above. The whole exchange was very brief. [REDACTED] did not change expression or give any indication of a variation in the conversation. The room was noisy, but there were people as close as four feet away, namely PETROCHENKO who was talking to someone else. [REDACTED] could hardly hear [REDACTED] from 1 1/2 feet away, either in his social conversation or in the one sentence noted above. [REDACTED] tried to move so that [REDACTED] could talk to him further (i. e., [REDACTED] went back to a nearby serving table a couple of times. [REDACTED] did not follow or even turn around. After perhaps five minutes more talk with [REDACTED] PETROCHENKO and others who wandered by, [REDACTED] left. He did not see [REDACTED] again. (Note [REDACTED] also asked [REDACTED] while they were talking alone, if his wife were here. [REDACTED] said yes, but he did not know where. They probably did not meet, as Mrs. [REDACTED] was at the other end of the house the whole time.)

1.3(a)(4)

*Solomon in room
Petrochenko's
wife*

[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] seemed relaxed, not at all nervous, but rather morose and not very lively. There was no indication that he wished to cut short his talk with [REDACTED] nor that he did not want to talk to Americans generally. He talked freely with many, and, at least with [REDACTED] always in English, even if [REDACTED] spoke Russian. He drank a fair amount but was not at all drunk. (PETROCHENKO also talked only English.) They both suggested [REDACTED] come to see them at work, and [REDACTED] said he might have business with them because tobacco delegations were to be exchanged. 1.3(a)(4)

4. [REDACTED] talked more to PETROCHENKO than to [REDACTED] but they were apparently friendly. [REDACTED] stayed with PETROCHENKO the whole time, never straying from his presence. (It might have been vice-versa. At any rate, they were always together.) 1.3(a)(4)

5. [REDACTED] may have spent somewhat more time with [REDACTED] and PETROCHENKO than with other Soviets, but not much, if any. He talked to at least two other parties for about the same amount of time, and with many others for briefer periods. He talked to Soviets the whole time of the reception (1200-1330). He does not believe that his conversation with PETROCHENKO and [REDACTED] were out of the ordinary. They, in fact, were far more forward than most others in talking to Americans. 1.3(a)(4)

6. [REDACTED] is positive the brief operational conversation went unnoticed by others. At any rate, [REDACTED] initiated it, apparently preferring to say a few words under those circumstances than to try to get alone with [REDACTED] even by turning his back on PETROCHENKO or walking ten feet away from him. 1.3(a)(4)

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[REDACTED]

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