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Slavic Institute Program for Fall 1961
Action Required : For information

Attached herewith is [] memorandum for the record of his
conversation with Dr. Bruno KALININS, of the Slavic Institute. []
memo is self-explanatory. [] information on the Slavic Institute
program is being reported separately.

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memo, as noted above

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Dr. Bruno KALNINS/ Slavic Institute

1. Today I had short conversation with Subject at the Slavic Institute and obtained the following information on the study trip of Swedish economics students to the USSR :

a/ Almost 40 students are taking part in both the preliminary seminar sessions and the trip itself. Travel in the USSR will be confined to the Leningrad and Moscow cities and areas, where the students will visit institutes, industrial installations and some kolkhozes. The trip itself is of short duration, 7-10 days in Moscow, 3-4 days in Leningrad. Subject himself, of course, is not taking part in the outing. With the exception of 3 or 4 students, all other participants are of the Department of Economics. /Names could not be elicited/.

b/ Similar study trips will probably be repeated if the scheduled trip will prove of value.

2. Subject has been invited to lecture in the first part of May at what he termed the "Russian College" in the vicinity of Cologne, which is sponsored either by the West-German government or by industrial and other circles and which is attended during its planned session of approx. 2 weeks by West-German industrialists, economists, public figures. Subject will lecture on "Soviet propaganda" on which he published a book before.

3. Beginning with the fall semester 1961 the Slavic Department will introduce, subject/Approval by the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities, ~~with~~ a separate Soviet area course of studies for advanced students. The courses will include such fields as modern Russian history, Soviet administrative and social structure, principles of Soviet economy and economic geography, main trends of Soviet cultural policy. Already now ~~about~~ 35-40 students have expressed their desire to sign up /as compared with only 3 for the purely philological line/. The question of the selection of the instructors has not yet been clearly settled, but Subject himself will be heavily involved.

Reporter's comment: It is interesting to note that the idea of a special Soviet area study has been frequently discussed by this reporter with KALNINS and that he himself states now that some of the ideas advanced by this reporter have been used by him to support the planned course of studies. Thus, this reporter

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may have contributed to this rather important change in the traditional curriculum of the Slavic department of the Stockholm University.

Aside from this unwitting influence, it will be important to keep in mind the fact that in the event of approval of this program, Stockholm University will become the center for the Soviet studies in Sweden and that it will be here that the reservoir of Swedish experts on Soviet affairs will be created and trained. The obvious interest of the students in the new program illustrated that close monitoring of the Slavic Institute and a fairly massive penetration of the students group could pay off nicely in the years to come.

4. Subject was very pleased with this development, very eager to discuss all events at the Slavic Institute with the undersigned. Since in the next weeks he will be rather busy with examinations and plans to go on a collective tour to Spain and Portugal in the second half of May, we agreed that we should have a longer talk sometime in the beginning of May.

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