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TO : Assistant Director, OPC

DATE: 10 December 1948

FROM : General Counsel

SUBJECT: Nikolai Poppe

1. Mr. Offie called this office and asked if we would assist in arrangements for the entr of the subject and his wife into the United States. We asked if he could locate background information, and on Thursday, 9 December, he located the attached file in the records of the State Department and had them handed to me by

2. After discussion of the case with the Deputy Director, we are requesting certain information and advice which will be required before we can take appropriate action. We note from this file that at least two agencies have already considered the admission of Mr. Poppe and his wife. There is no indication what action was taken on the State Department memorandum to JIOA, dated 26 October. We would appreciate knowing whether JIOA took any steps to clear the case further in the Joint Chiefs or with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. If JIOA refused to take action, we would appreciate knowing whether it was because they felt unable to handle the case, or felt that it should be handled in a different manner. If the former, on what grounds was refusal made; and if the latter, have any other approaches to the subject been made, particularly with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It further appears from the State Department memo of 26 October that a security investigation of the subject has been completed. We would appreciate knowing whether your office has access to this investigation and, if so, if your office agrees with the security conclusions stated by Mr. Boykin.

3. The information requested above will be necessary as we wish to avoid attempting procedures already found impractical, and no matter what method of approach is used, it will be the responsibility of the Director to certify that under all circumstances entry is in the national interest.

4. You will note the attached file is classified TOP SECRET by the State Department. It would facilitate considerably in processing this case if the State Department

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classification could be reduced to SECRET. We should appreciate your advice on this point and any suggestions you may have as to the approach to be made.

5. As you know, a ~~visa~~^{CRK} immigration visa is practically hopeless, and a JCS priority helps little. A temporary visa could probably be arranged, but presents a problem of eventual disposition or of further steps to make his presence in the United States permanent. Our preference is for action under the D.P. Act if the subject can qualify, and we should like to explore these possibilities with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the D.P. Commission.

6. We understand from Mr. Offle that there is a certain amount of urgency and will be pleased to give this case priority.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

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