

Office Memorandum Security Information UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, FI/Plans/Cover
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FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT: S-309; HH-641

DATE: 18 February 1953

1. The source of the OO-B report mentioned in S-309 is Dr. Nikolai Nikolaevitch POPPE, a USSR national in this country under the DP Act. Dr. Poppe is considered an outstanding scholar of the language and culture of Mongolia and other areas of the Eastern SSR. He has been an observer of the Soviet and European scene for many years and has travelled extensively in Asia and Europe. He is now a member of the faculty of the Far Eastern Institute of the University of Washington, Seattle.

2. This Division first received permission to contact Dr. Poppe under I&SO AI-293 on 20 May 1949. He has been the source of over 150 OO-B reports, has been the subject of extensive interrogation in Washington and the field and has been interrogated by representatives of the covert offices of this agency as well as by representatives of all the overt intelligence offices.

3. We suggest that you discuss your interest in Dr. Poppe with Mr. [] of your office who can give you an indication as to the comprehensiveness of previous interrogations of Dr. Poppe. Also, since he has been interrogated at great length on behalf of the covert offices, we suggest that extensive information on his background should be available in FI and PP files.

4. If you are interested in pursuing this matter, please advise [] on extension 2268. If you have no further interest, please let us know so that HH-641 can be closed.

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