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18 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations (DD)

SUBJECT: Re-settlement of Sergei Lvovich SCHEBALIN  
on the United States Economy

REFERENCE: Approved request for entry of SCHEBALIN into  
the U.S. under Section 8, Public Law 119, dated  
4 January 1954, copy attached

1. Pursuant to informal discussions conducted with [redacted] of your office by [redacted] of this Division on 11 August 1954, it is requested that your office assume responsibility for the resettlement of Sergei Lvovich SCHEBALIN, his wife, Tatjana Raun SCHEBALIN and their daughter Margarate SCHEBALIN. Subject and his family were admitted to the United States on 2 February 1954 under Section 8 of Public Law 119 and hold Alien Registration Cards # A 5172417, # A 5172418 and # A 5172419 respectively.

2. Full background on this case is given in the attached copy of the request for approval of their original entry into the United States. Since their arrival in Washington they have been spending the better part of their time learning English, he and his wife at the Americanization School, and their daughter at the Cooke School, both of the District Public School System. It had been considered necessary for him to get a good command of the English language prior to his utilization in the RR Division program for which he had been brought to this country. He is presently living in an apartment at 1466 Columbia Road N.W. and is free to move around as he chooses.

3. Certain changes in the plans of this Division have made it impossible to utilize Mr. Schebalin in the manner originally contemplated. Operational security considerations preclude his being used abroad and there is no other Agency Russian activity known to this Division into which he can fit at present. It is for this reason that we are therefore requesting that the resources of your office be made available to resettle him in the United States at the earliest possible opportunity.

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4. Tchebalin has been under a verbal contract since his arrival in this country. He is paid \$3100.00 per year or \$258.33 monthly, withholding deductions being made for himself, his wife and daughter. The Agency is also holding for his account the sum of \$1561.00 representing 5,000 DM personal savings and a withholding at his request of \$100.00 per month from his salary during the period preceding his arrival in this country. Our original commitment provided for a 12 months contract ending 31 July 1958 which contract is being extended for 90 days. No other financial commitments are outstanding.

5. Mr. Tchebalin has been charged on a memorandum receipt by S/DOB for a substantial amount of household furnishings to supplement the existing equipment in his rented apartment. Suitable disposition of this charge will have to be made at the time of his transfer to your control.

6. No commitments whatsoever have been made to subject. At the time of his arrival here he believed, due to misunderstandings overseas, that he was to obtain a more or less permanent job with U. S. Intelligence. He was immediately dissuaded from this position and advised that we would consider his being used by U. S. Intelligence during his first six months here and in the event this proved impossible, he would be assisted in resettlement in the United States. Although he became quite upset about this and indicated he would want to be returned to Europe if he could not work for us, his views have changed during the past months and we believe that he can be more easily guided in a direction away from our activities.

7. Tchebalin is an ambitious and industrious person who has demonstrated a good ability to adapt himself to American customs and ways of life. He has done very well in his English lessons with the result that after six months of study he was recently able to pass an examination qualifying him for acceptance in any of the English, Mathematics or Scientific courses taught in the junior college of George Washington University. Although limited in vocabulary he has sufficient command of English to get along in any part of the country. His fluency is not yet sufficient however for a job or position requiring a detailed and continuous use of the language. He has no background other than his grocery experience which would lead him in the direction of any civilian trade or profession.

8. Copies of two summary reports on his activity in this country during the past few months have already been handed to [ ]

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Additional background material will be made available in due course in order to assist your office in the handling of this case. Upon acceptance of this case we will coordinate with your office the matter of advising Schebalin of our decisions in regard to his future.

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Chief, SR Division

Attachment:

1 copy - Request for Entry  
into U.S., dtd 4 Jan 54,  
Sergei Lvovich Schebalin

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