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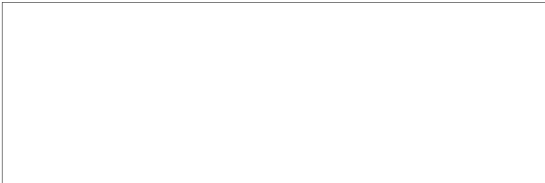
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1. N. S. Khrushchev bore a grudge against Beriya because the latter had liquidated certain persons in the Ukraine who were creatures of Khrushchev.
2. Khrushchev, on the occasion of the 17 June 1953 East German riots, saw a chance to strike at his enemy, Beriya. G. M. Malenkov at the time was not disposed to support Khrushchev's grudge against Beriya, but Khrushchev persuaded N. S. Kruglov and Marshal G. K. Zhukov to go along in a plot to eliminate Beriya. Microphones were planted in Beriya's office, but Beriya, suspecting foul play, was careful to say nothing incriminating while at work. The opportunity of the triumvirate came when Beriya absented himself for a visit to the Ukraine. During this visit the plotters had Beriya's strongbox broken open and found there many photographs and letters bearing on Beriya's relations with certain women of less than respectable reputation. The key find, however, was a batch of correspondence between Beriya and Tito.

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