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DOBRYNIN, Anatoliy Fedorovich

USSR

Ambassador to the United States - Accredited March 30, 1962

Dobrynin is a bona fide professional diplomat who has followed a career in the Soviet Foreign Ministry since 1944. The high regard which his abilities command among the Soviet leadership is illustrated by his steady advancement despite close working associations with Shepilov and Molotov before their disgrace. He is an old friend of Gromyko's and, on several occasions, has implied a personal relationship with Khrushchev.

Dobrynin is a specialist on American affairs and his impressive record shows unbroken concentration on them since 1952.

Since his arrival, Dobrynin has assiduously endeavored to develop personal contacts with a wide range of influential individuals in the Administration, Congress, White House, and other areas of public life. Of a more engaging personality than his predecessor, Dobrynin effectively employs an approach characterized by a disarming frankness and contagious good humor. From the buoyantly self-confident manner in which he expresses his views and those of his government, it seems that he is certain of his own authority and of his rapport with the Soviet leadership, including Khrushchev.

Background

Dobrynin was born in 1919 outside Moscow and gives the impression of having a middle class rather than a working class background. He holds a Candidate of Historical Sciences degree and once expressed a wish to return to academic life and obtain a doctorate. His career, before he was appointed to the US as Counselor of Embassy in 1952, is fuzzy. He was given the rank of Minister in 1954 and subsequently became an adviser on atomic energy matters at the UN. After a stay in Moscow he returned to New York in 1957 and replaced I. S. Chernyshev as Under Secretary in the UN Secretariate. In 1958 he was appointed Under Secretary for the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, thus becoming the highest ranking Soviet citizen on the Secretariate. In this position he was active in making preparations for the 1958 Disarmament Commission meetings and later in heading a commission to reorganize the UN Office of Public Information.

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In the early part of 1960 he resigned from the Secretariate to assume the directorate of the American Countries Section at the Foreign Ministry. This section includes all the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and it is probable that Dobrynin will pay considerable attention to Latin American affairs.

Quite tall and heavy-set, he speaks excellent English and some French. Dobrynin's wife, Irina Nikolayevna, was born on December 18, 1921 in Saratov. 

 An aeronautical engineer, she is musically inclined, and also speaks English and French. Both he and his wife appear interested in cultural matters; Dobrynin himself has a fondness for American TV and movies. He has stated that chess is his favorite pastime and that he also likes hunting and fishing in Siberia. The Dobrynins have a daughter, Yelena, born in 1947 in Moscow, who is now studying in the USSR. Their nearest relatives in the Soviet Union, as reported in 1955, are Dobrynin's father and Mrs. Dobrynin's mother, both of whom reside in Moscow.

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Chronology

Born at Krasnaya Gorka, Moscow Oblast	November 19, 1919
Works in Foreign Ministry	1944-1952
Graduates from Higher School of Diplomacy, subsequently serves as chief aide to D. F. Shepilov	1946
Assistant Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs	1949-1952
Counselor of Embassy, Washington	1952-1954
Chief negotiator on questions of Lend-Lease Payments	Early 1954
Minister-Counselor with rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to US, later serves as Charge d'Affaires in Ambassador Zarubin's absence	August 1954-1955
Adviser to Soviet representative on UN, Advisor Commission on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy	December 1954-1955



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Attends UN Jubilee Celebration, San Francisco	1955
Advisor to delegation at Geneva Summit Conference	July 1955
Member of Molotov's personal staff at UN as expert on Atomic Energy matters and delegate	August 1955
Counselor in Foreign Ministry with rank of Minister	1955-1956
Minister-Counselor on UN delegation, New York	1956-1957
Under Secretary (without department) of UN Secretariate	July 1957-July 1958
Under Secretary for Department of Political and Security Affairs	July 1958-Early 1960
Chief, American Countries Division and Member of Collegium, Foreign Ministry	February 1960-December 1961
Adviser at Paris Summit Conference, delegate to special Security Council session on the U-2 incident	May 1960
Adviser at Vienna meeting between President Kennedy and Khrushchev	June 1961
Member of good will mission to Latin America led by Presidium Secretary, M. P. Georgadze	August 1961
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