

Meeting No. 19

○ Subject arrived at 1500 hours on 20 July 1964. He began by recalling that this day is the anniversary of the day three months ago when they first met and started working for the Cause. A toast was drunk to the work done and to still more to be done. Subject then reviews his activities the previous day, as follows:

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2. 3.: Yesterday morning I went to the Embassy as well as this morning, so/to clarify various points you asked me about. Various new things emerge which are of great interest and importance to us (Subject had made extensive notes which he used as an agenda).  
3.: Then I spent about thirty minutes at our Exhibition (Earls Court) with WYNN and subsequently had lunch with him. After lunch I had a little rest because I knew that in the evening I had to go to the Embassy and later meet SEROV's wife. I had meant to lie down for an hour only, but when I woke up at 8 o'clock I had been asleep for four hours! Just as I arrived at the Embassy, PAVLOV also returned from the reception and went on to tell me about the people he met there, specialists etc. Actually he (PAVLOV) told me some very interesting things denoting a most interesting (new) twist in Soviet strategic activities.

3. (Subject then recounts how he telephoned SEROV's wife and daughter at their Bayswater hotel and went over to collect them and, although they were already in their dressing gowns preparing to go to bed, convinced them (the wife and daughter) to come out with him, took them to his hotel restaurant and stood them an excellent meal for which he will send the bill later! Subject remarks that the SEROVs' attitude to him is most friendly, although he had only met them on the plane flying over. It emerges however that prior to his departure, on the day before in fact, subject had been summoned by Gen. SEROV who, after informing him that his wife and daughter were travelling as tourists to the U.K., asked subject to take care of them, ensure that someone should accompany them shopping, see that they had a car at their disposal etc. Subject and the SEROVs actually came over not on a scheduled flight but by the special plane sent over to collect the KIROV Ballet Company. And although Army-Gen. SEROV had sent a telegram asking them to be met, on arrival there was no one at the Airport, no car, nothing. Subject got the GVF representative to ring the Embassy and waited a whole hour with the SEROVs before finally getting on the bus to the terminal where he was himself being met by WYNN who then took him to his house. It was the Embassy who finally arranged the SEROVs' hotel, sightseeing etc.

4. Although subject didn't see the SEROVs any more that day (18th), when he saw them the next day - they were absolutely delighted to see him. As a matter of fact the daughter, who is 22 years old, absolutely fell for him! Subject goes on to recount how in the car (taxi) she squeezed up to him and how both mother and daughter expressed enthusiasm at his kindness and charm. This as a result of his gift of £20 which he

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① gave the SEROVs for the following reasons: On arrival subject was given £115 by the Embassy for expenses during his 'komandirovka' (official trip) whereas the SEROVs had some dollars which after exchange amounted to only £18. General SEROV however had apparently particularly wanted a garden settee-swing for his dacha, but the cheapest cost £20-£50. Consequently Mrs. General decided to get a descriptive pamphlet and the General would order it to be copied in the workshops. Besides she much preferred to spend the money on blouses and cashmere sweaters etc. Subject then offered to buy the swing himself for the General, since he had wanted to buy him a present anyway, but Mrs. SEROV suggested buying the General something else. On hearing this, subject decided to give Mrs. General the money and let her chose herself. He consequently offered to do so in the taxi which took them on a night sight-seeing tour of the West End. Mrs. SEROV accepted with alacrity and insisted that on return to MOSCOW he should without fail visit them at their dacha where all the strawberries, honey etc. were at his disposal, and that the debt of money would be repaid. Whereas the daughter, Svetlana, was so delighted that she expressed desire to dance rock and roll with him! The SEROVs' eldest son apparently is married to KHRUSHCHEV's daughter Yekaterina, who is a ballet dancer. SEROV is consequently a VIP not only by virtue of his position but because of his relation to KHRUSHCHEV himself. ✓

5. Subject then explains that Army-Gen. SEROV was BERIA's deputy in the old days, that he was kept on by KHRUSHCHEV (after BERIA's liquidation) and was later appointed President of the KGB. When the Presidency of KGB was handed over to SHELEPIN, SEROV came over to subject's 'firm', i.e. on SHITENKO's dismissal he was appointed Chief of the 2nd Military Intelligence Directorate. Notwithstanding, subject describes him as "just simple kindly old Ivan Aleksandrovich" who came to see his family off at the Airport and humbly begged subject to help them while in London. "and this is how I am helping!" concludes subject, roaring with laughter. (It also emerges that SEROV keeps bees at his dacha to cure his rheumatism)

6. Subject will meet the SEROVs again the following day (21st) because they are due to leave London on the 24th to visit other cities in the U.K. and on the 30th are due to return home by ship to LENINGRAD. Subject stresses that he is now "first on the list of visitors" both at the SEROV house and dacha, not only as a subordinate of the General but also by virtue of having been so attentive to the General's family. And all it cost him was £20! Subject intends to cultivate this to the full by visiting the SEROVs as often as possible and by patting the daughter occasionally since she seemed to like it!

7. Apparently SEROV's daughter, who although not very beautiful is very intelligent, is at the moment studying at the Mikoyan Aviation Institute where she hopes to get a degree of Engineer in Aviation electrical equipment ("elektro-oborudovanya samoletov").

8. Subject says he is a firm believer in enlarging his circle of acquaintances amongst houses "of interest", so as to widen his scope of possibilities, adding that he has another similar "useful" acquaintance.)