

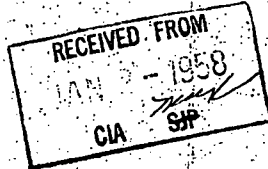
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Members, Interagency Defector Committee


SUBJECT: Forthcoming Book by Nikolai KHOKHLOV (DS-2978)

1. Nikolai KHOKHLOV has completed a book detailing his experiences and explaining his motives in defecting. This book has been sold in France. The story will also be serialized there. Apparently there are some opportunities in Denmark and Western Germany. According to subject, the preparation of the English language version is progressing smoothly. Further information on his forthcoming book is supplied in the attachment.

2. KHOKHLOV currently plans to return to Europe on or about 12 February 1958. He claims he would prefer to remain in the United States. He says on many occasions he has definitely committed himself to the public that he will continue the anti-Communist fight but now feels that he would be deluged with adverse propaganda if he remained in the US, even though he could do as much to eradicate the Soviet regime in the US as in Europe. He believes he must forsake the possibilities of a good life to pursue his cause. He has stated a desire to work with USIS in Europe.

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 Chairman, Interagency Defector Committee
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SUBJECT: Forthcoming Book by ~~Nikolai KHOKHLOV~~ (DC-2076)

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1. Nikolai KHOKHLOV has completed a book detailing his experiences and explaining his motives in defecting. He is particularly interested in exonerating himself from the charge that in his first public statements in 1954 he needlessly implicated his wife, who remained behind in the USSR, as the moving spirit behind his refusal to carry out his assassination mission. To accomplish this objective, he tells the entire history of the handling of his case by American intelligence. He is careful not to reveal identities of any the Americans connected with his case, whom he admits gave him sympathetic treatment, but the picture he paints of their astuteness is by no means complimentary. As an example, his manuscript details how he was induced to cooperate in a publicity play, only after a promise was made him by a US intelligence officer that the US Embassy in Moscow would request local US newspaper correspondents to go to his wife's flat in Moscow a few minutes after his VOA broadcast to tip her off on the situation, and hint she might find asylum in the US Embassy. A reference to this episode which KHOKHLOV refers to as the "Moscow Embassy Plan" appeared in an article in the Saturday Evening Post in late 1954.

2. KHOKHLOV submitted his manuscript to CIA for a review. He agreed to certain minor alterations, but refused to alter any of its main points. Little, if anything, can be done to pressure him to do so. He has obtained permanent US residence by virtue of a Special Bill passed on his behalf by the Congress. He has consistently avoided being placed under obligation to this Agency.

3. A few chapters of his book have already appeared in the NTS Russian-language newspaper Pravda published in Germany. This same organization will shortly publish all of KHOKHLOV's material in book form. So far as is known, he has not as yet found a publisher in the US although he is actively seeking one. It is difficult to estimate in advance whether KHOKHLOV's book when published abroad, or if published here, will cause any real embarrassment to the US intelligence community.

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