

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

For your information, I am attaching a copy of the 2 April letter that you sent Ralph Renick. Stan Grogan has already seen the attached letter of 7 April. *After you have*

seen I will send Mr. Renick's letter to OO.



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Mr. Ralph Renick
Vice President in Charge of News
WTVJ, Inc.
316 North Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Renick:

I want to thank you for your letter of March 18 and the enclosures outlining the plans for your forthcoming trip.

I appreciate your affording us the opportunity of getting together for a briefing with this distinguished group, but I am advised that the briefing you will be receiving from the State Department will be most thorough and will meet your needs satisfactorily. However, if you will be good enough to drop me a note after you have all returned to Miami, I should like very much to [redacted] have a talk with each member of the tour group.

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While I am not sure that I shall be able to join you, I am noting the May 7th invitation on my calendar in the hope that I shall find it possible to renew our acquaintance on that occasion.

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With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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O/DCI, [redacted] 30 March 59
Rewritten: O/DCI, [redacted] 1 April 59
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1 - DCI
1 - Col. Grogan
1 - Mr. George Carey (w/basic & encls.)
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(EXECUTIVE SECRETARY)

25 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action.
2. This is an arranged tour of civilians overseas to include some parts of the Soviet Union. It is for 29 people for 19 days at a cost, not to exceed per person, of \$2080. It is stated that the State Department will brief these people in Washington. In my opinion that should complete their governmental contact. It would be unfortunate I think for CIA to brief these people and thus establish a precedent. We do not know what these people will later say that CIA told them and of course there is the possibility later of the Soviets saying that these people are spies.
3. Our interest I would imagine would be in de-briefing them after they return.
4. Regarding the private cocktail party at the Statler on May 7, I would recommend that you reply that if possible, you would be delighted to again see Mr. Benick.

/S/ S. J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

cc: DDCI (w/o attach.)

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March 18, 1959

**Mr. Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Dulles:

You may recall that after the Radio-TV Correspondent's Association Dinner at the Statler Hotel on March 7th, Mr. Pat Munroe, WTVJ's Washington correspondent, introduced us in the CBS suite.

I mentioned at that time that I was leading a group of some 30 Florida business and professional men into Russia, Hungary and East Berlin in May.

I am taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed guest list which gives the names and occupations of the tour members. In addition, you will find a tentative itinerary for the trip.

Not listed in the itinerary is a visit our delegation plans to make to Washington on May 7th and 8th. We plan to arrive about noon on the 7th and I am trying to arrange through Senator George Smathers and Lincoln White a briefing session at the State Department that afternoon.

Our group will hold a private cocktail-dinner party that evening at the Statler and we would, of course, be most honored by your presence.

We will leave by charter plane for New York the following afternoon at approximately 2 p.m.



Mr. Allen Dulles

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March 18, 1959

If you feel there would be any way in which we could assist the CIA, please let me know and please be assured we will appreciate suggestions on how we might better equip ourselves in advance to assimilate what we see and hear behind the Iron Curtain. Perhaps a briefing by your Agency on the morning of May 8th would be desirable.

I very much appreciate the opportunity of chatting with you briefly the other evening and let me take this opportunity to extend my congratulations as a citizen for your outstanding contribution to America's continued existence as a free nation.

Sincerely,

Ralph Renick
Vice President
In Charge of News

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FLORIDA'S FIRST TELEVISION STATION

March 13, 1959

TO: RUSSIA TOUR GROUP MEMBER
FROM: RALPH RENICK

Attached you will find the guest list for our Tour to Paris, Copenhagen, Leningrad, Moscow, Budapest and Berlin.

I am sure you are as delighted as I am with the representative and genial group of men who will be your companions during our 20-day journey.

Several things are in the works which should add to the enjoyment of the Tour. For example, Billy Gaither and I are working together with Senator George Smathers' office and the State Department to arrange a briefing in Washington on May 7th. This will be followed by a dinner our group will hold at the Statler-Hilton Hotel that evening in order that we might meet with Senator Stu Symington, Senator Mike Mansfield and Senator George Smathers and other top officials who will further fill us in on how to make the most of our tour.

The more information we have at our fingertips, the better we will be able to assimilate what we see, hear and do behind the Iron Curtain.

You will note the Washington stopover will be on May 7th - a day ahead of the departure date listed in your itinerary. This will be an optional feature of the trip. Your hotel and dinner cost is not included in the tour package price - air transportation is.

We will leave by charter National Airlines plane on the 8th to fly to New York and leave for Paris at 4 p.m. that afternoon.



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In addition, Dr. Boucher has kindly offered to have Tour members and their wives as his guests at a "Get Acquainted" cocktail party at his Sunset Island home (more about this later).

Also, I plan to hold a meeting of Tour members in Miami prior to departure at which time we can hear from "local experts" who have recently returned from Russia and who can provide valuable information for us.

You may also be interested in obtaining a copy of one or all of the following books, recommended by the State Department, on the Soviet Union and Communism:

1. CAREW-HUNT, R.N. THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COMMUNISM. (The MacMillan Co. New York, 1951)
2. FAINSOD, MERLE HOW RUSSIA IS RULED. (Harvard University Press, 1953)
3. ROSTOW, W.W. THE DYNAMICS OF SOVIET SOCIETY. (Mentor Books, 1954)

You will note on the enclosed Tour Group list that three of our members are joining us in Paris and Leningrad and will not make the trans-Atlantic crossing with us. Therefore, as of this date we have two vacancies. If you would care to recommend somebody whom you think would be interested in making the trip, please call this office.

I'll be in touch with you soon regarding other matters.

Kindest personal regards.

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FLORIDA'S FIRST TELEVISION STATION

Please consider this your personal invitation to join a select group of leading Florida business and civic leaders on a special 19-day tour of Russia, Budapest, East and West Berlin, Copenhagen and Paris.

The recent visit of Russian Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan to the United States points up the interest generated by peoples of the United States and Russia "taking a look at each other".

This country is pitted in a life or death struggle with the Soviet Union. This places an overwhelming burden of responsibility on our President, the Congress and other national leaders. The more our citizens can understand the problem and how to deal with it, the more effectively they can actively support our government in our race for survival.

Therefore, I believe that a tour such as outlined in the enclosed itinerary would be of great benefit to you and the 29 other men being invited.

Our group will leave Miami Friday, May 8th, and travel direct to Paris via New York.

We will represent the State of Florida and Dade County Metro Government at the 48th Annual International Trade Fair in Paris. Metro will have an exhibit at the Fair. We will be received by the French Government at an official reception.

From Paris, we will journey to Leningrad with a two-day stopover at Copenhagen.



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In Russia, we will visit Leningrad and Moscow and inspect the American National Exhibition as it takes shape in Moscow's Sokolniki Park.

Hungary has just been reopened to U. S. citizens by the State Department and we will visit Budapest, scene of the famed 1956 uprising against the Communists.

Then, on to East Berlin which in May will receive the attention of world interest as Khrushchev's six-month ultimatum to the West to "get out" expires. Should conditions make it inadvisable to enter Berlin at that time, we would visit Switzerland.

WTVJ is producing a special one-hour program based on newsfilms taken during the tour by a station cameraman who will accompany our group.

I think you would find this trip one of the most worthwhile and rewarding experiences of your life.

Complete information is enclosed.

Because of the time consuming formalities in obtaining visas for Russia, Hungary and East Germany, it is essential that reservations for this trip be submitted as soon as possible.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us. Would you kindly telephone me at [redacted] with an indication of your interest in joining other Florida leaders in this official visit to Russia?

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Sincerely,

Ralph Renick
Vice President
In Charge of News

RALPH RENICK - WTVJ - TRIP TO RUSSIA

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MAY 8TH MIAMI Lv. by National Airlines Flight #500(T) at 8:55 A.M.
 NEW YORK Ar. at 12:50 Noon
 Lv. by Air France Flight #040(F) at 4:00 P. M.

MAY 9TH PARIS Ar. at 9:25 A. M. Representative will meet and
 transfer us to

HOTEL CRILLON
 or similar

Afternoon city sightseeing tour by deluxe motor coach, visiting the Madeleine Church, the Expiatory Chapel and Place de la Concorde. Follow the beautiful Champs Elysees to the Arch of Triumph through the Bois de Boulogne; visit the Eiffel Tower, then the magnificent Tomb of Napoleon in Les Invalides.

MAY 10TH PARIS Morning city tour by deluxe motor coach visiting the Historical parts of Paris. Drive to the Louvre, the World's greatest museum, then the Cathedral of Notre Dame, past the public markets and the Bastille to storied Montmartre. Up winding streets to visit the white marble Basilica of Sacre Coeur and other points of interest.

As official REPRESENTATIVES of the State of Florida we will visit the 48th Annual International Trade Fair.

Following dinner, transfer from hotel to the "Folies Bergere" for an evening of entertainment.

MAY 11TH PARIS Leave by Air France Flight #792(T) at 9:50 A. M.
 COPENHAGEN Ar. 12:25 P. M. Representative will meet and
 transfer us to the

HOTEL IMPERIAL
 or similar

Afternoon Grand Sightseeing Tour of the City by guided motor coach including Frederiksberg Castle, The University City, The "Little Mermaid", Nyboder, The Flower Market, The Fish Market, The Law Courts, The Latin Quarter, Rosenberg Castle, Vegetable Market, etc.

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MAY 12TH COPENHAGEN Morning, "Industrial Art Tour" by guided motor coach, giving the participant an inside view of the famous Danish workshops. Visits will be paid to Illum Golighus, Georg Jensen's silver workshop, Bing and Grondahl porcelain, and the Permanent Exhibition of Danish arts and crafts.

Afternoon, "World of Tomorrow" Tour by guided motor coach, visiting a municipal school, a kindergarten, a municipal dwelling house for old age pensioners and other dwellings.

MAY 13TH COPENHAGEN Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to airport. Lv. by AY Flight #812(T) at 1:15 P. M.

HELSINKI Ar. at 5:05 P. M.
Lv. by SU Flight #612(T) at 5:35 P. M.

LENINGRAD Ar. at 7:45 P. M. Intourist Interpreter-guide will meet and transfer us to the

HOTEL ASTORIA
or similar

MAY 14TH LENINGRAD Morning get-acquainted excursion of this Paris-like city, built as the Czar's capital and Window on the West, once known as St. Petersburg, including places of historical interest such as the Winter Palace of the former Czars with its fountains and gardens, the architectural monuments, new buildings, stations of the new monumental underground railway.

Afternoon visit to the world renowned Hermitage Museum which now incorporates the Czar's Winter Palace. Here is housed the priceless collections of art secured by the Russian rulers from history's beginning.

MAY 15TH LENINGRAD Morning excursion to nearby Petrodvorets, former summer residence of Russian Czars, famous for its parks and fountains.

Afternoon excursion to Palace of Young Pioneers: schoolchildren's hobby, art and recreation center.

MAY 16TH LENINGRAD Morning at leisure.
Leave in the evening on famous "Red Arrow Express".

MAY 17TH MOSCOW Ar. in the morning. Transfer to the

HOTEL NATIONAL, METROPOLE, MOSCOW
or similar

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MAY 17TH (Cont'd)	MOSCOW	Morning visit to a representative industrial enterprise, accompanied by an English-speaking interpreter.
		Afternoon tour of the city viewing its historical monuments, Bolshoi Theater, the exterior of the Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil's, concert halls, great public buildings and the new skyscraper office and apartment buildings.
MAY 18TH	MOSCOW	Full day's visit to the USSR Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, a permanent fair where achievements of all the republics of the USSR are exhibited in colorful and uniquely designed buildings. This will give you a general idea of the achievements of the branches of Soviet Agriculture and its mechanized implementation.
		Also, in afternoon, a visit to a former Czarist estate, the Ostankino Palace, now a Soviet preserved and maintained monument, to see the arts and crafts of Russian serfs of several generations ago.
MAY 19TH	MOSCOW	Morning visit to Moscow's largest department store, G.U.M. Then an excursion to the monumental subway stations.
		Afternoon tour of the city showing the great advances made in reconstruction and housing.
MAY 20TH	MOSCOW BUDAPEST	Lv. by SU Flight #113(T) at 6:30 A. M. Ar. at 11:55 A. M. Representative will transfer us to
		IBUSZ HOTEL
		Afternoon sightseeing by guided motor coach including Nepkoztarsasag Road, Hosok Square, Milenary Memorial, City Park, Peoples Stadium, Rakoczi Road, Kossuth Lajos Street, the City, Szabadsag Bridge, Gellert Hill, Liberation Monument, Rudas bath, the Castle, Halaszbastya, Matthias Church, Martirok Road, Amphitheatre of Buda, Arpod Bridge, Margit Island, Margit Bridge House of Parliament, Szabadsag Square, the Cathedral, Jozsef Nador Square.
MAY 21ST	BUDAPEST	Day at leisure for individual exploration of this beautiful city.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

The price of the tour arrangements described herein to be provided by the Maupintour Travel Organization of Kansas, and Monroe Travel Service of Miami, Florida, is \$2,050.00 per person in twin-bed room and \$2,080.00 for single room, where available.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: The tour cost includes roundtrip day-coach flights between Miami and New York, United States Transportation Tax, First-Class Air Flights roundtrip between New York and Europe, and connecting carriers in Europe.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: For the dates specified in the attached itinerary at the hotels indicated therein or at hotels of the same category, on the basis of twin-bedded room with private bath as available at the finest available hotels, or single room with private bath.

MEALS: On the basis of three table d'hote meals a day.

TRANSFERS: On the basis of airport/hotel/airport by private cars or private motor coach.

LUGGAGE PORTERAGE: On the basis of two (2) pieces per person.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS: With English-speaking guide on the basis of private car or motor coach.

HOTEL SERVANT GRATUITIES AND HOTEL TAXES: As levied by the hotels in those countries where such custom prevails.

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDED

Are visa costs for Russia, Hungary and East Germany.

Orchestra seats at Folies Bergere.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COSTS

Passport, airport taxes in Europe, if any, items of a personal nature such as: Laundry, valet service, room service, liquors, etc.

In regular table d'hote menu beverages such as coffee, tea, milk, etc. are not included as they are not considered a part of the main meal in Europe.

PAYMENT: Deposit of \$250.00 is required at time of making definite reservation. Balance will be due not later than March 27, 1959.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: After reservations have been requested and you find it necessary to cancel, a Reservation Fee amounting to 10% of your deposit, but no less than \$10.00 per person and no more than \$50.00 per person is retained and the balance is refunded less any non-recoverable monies paid as deposits to transportation carriers and/or land service operators and hotels abroad, and less than communication expenses (cable, telegram, long-distance 'phone) necessary to effect late cancellations. Visa fees, once expended, are not refundable. Refunds for omission of services en route are made on the basis of monies actually saved on unused accommodations and services, less all expenses and charges incident to effecting cancellation. Refunds for unused steamship, or motor coach, or railroad, or airline tickets can only be made in accordance with the carriers' regulations.

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Remarks: George: I believe Jack Earman spoke to you on the attached. I should like to have this material returned to me temporarily <u>on the 4th of May</u> so DCI can review it in case he decides to attend the May 7th party given by Mr. Renick. <u>#2. Return to OAD/0 no later than COB</u> <u>30 April 1959.</u> (b)(6) (b)(3) Suspense 4 May 59			
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