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The following is additional info obtained from CG 5824-S* and [redacted] on 7/22/58 in regard to the SOLO operation. In this first interview with the informants an effort was made to merely obtain what the informants considered the highlights of this operation. In future interviews and as time permits, each phase of the operation will be gone into in more detail.

RECEPTION IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

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CG-5824-S* and [redacted] were met at the Moscow Airport on the evening of April 29, 1958, by NICOLAI DIMITROVITCH (spelling phonetic and DIMITROVITCH may be middle or last name). DIMITROVITCH

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has just become the head of the North and South American section of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He works under B. N. PONOMAREV, who is the head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU and a member of the Central Committee of the CPSU. The International Department is broken up by continents and countries. Canada is considered chiefly as a part of the North and South American section but at times is considered a part of the British section. NICOLAI is about 40 to 42 years of age, 5 ft. 10 inches, slim build, and wears glasses.

The two informants were taken to a chauffeur-driven automobile by NICOLAI. This auto was the one they used about 90% of the time they were in Moscow. It is a Central Committee automobile with license MU 22-98. A cardboard duplicate of this number is sometimes placed in the windshield to further indicate that it is an automobile of the Central Committee of the CPSU. Informants also rode in Central Committee cars with license numbers MU 22-64 and MU 22-06.

The informants were taken to a nine-story apartment building which has only a rear entrance. While the official address for this apartment building is 8 Gorki Street, it is actually on Sovietskaya (phonetic) Square and is ^{near} ~~really~~ the Moscow Soviet, a red building. The apartment building has two elevators, and it is necessary for a guard to open either elevator with a key. Informants believe that this apartment building is used by the CC CPSU to house individuals similar to the informants whose identity cannot be disclosed while they are in Moscow. The informants were taken to apartment No. 16 on the sixth floor. The apartment has seven rooms, including three bedrooms and a library. The library has current publications in several languages, including French, German, and English. The apartment has a television set and a short wave radio, however, the informants were never able to get any station outside

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of the Iron Curtain. A housekeeper stayed with the informants at all times. A cook would come each day, and every delicacy imaginable was made available to the informants. They were told that anything they desired would be provided for them; however, for their security they were not given any Russian money so that they would not go out on the streets and into the shops and be accidentally observed.

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1917 On 4/30/58 ~~ALEXAI ANDREOVICH GRECHENCO~~ *ALEXSEI ANDREEVICH GRECHUKHIN *see below* (all spellings phonetic and the last name is the word for buckwheat) appeared at the informants' apartment. He is about 35 to 40 years of age and is very similar in appearance to JOHN WILLIAMSON. He works in the North and South American section of the International Department of the CC CPSU under NICOLAI. ALEXAI met each day with the informants for three or four days. At the end of this time he left Moscow for the United States as part of the Russian "student editors delegation."

Also on 4/30/58, NICOLAI appeared at the informants' apartment, and both stated how happy they were to see the informants. They stated that the CPSU leadership thanks the CP, USA for finally finding ways of making direct contact.

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 On the evening of 4/30/58 ALEXAI and NICOLAI were joined in the informants' apartment by V. P. TERESHKIN, who is the Chief Deputy of PONOMAREV. The informants were officially welcomed by all three at a semi-formal dinner in the apartment. TERESHKIN is about 50 years of age, 5 ft., 5 inches in height, heavy build, and has a jolly personality. He speaks no English; however, NICOLAI and ALEXAI both speak and understand some English. All three stressed the importance of the American Communist Party. They stated that the Soviet Party is glad that the American Party was able to defeat the revisionists. In fact, this is the best news they have had in a long time. All present participated in toasts to proletarian internationalism, the health of the leadership of the CPSU, and the leadership of the CP, USA, and to the day the United States will arrive at Communism at the same time Russia does. In explaining this last

* GRECHUKHIN was member of Soviet Student Editor Delegation which was in U.S. 5/17/58 to 6/16/58.

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toast, TERESHKIN stated that because of the industrial development in the US, once the Communists get rid of the bourgeoisie, then the US Communism can catch up with Russia, which is now in the first stages of Communism. CG 5824-S* explained that this was a paraphrasing of statements by KHRUSHCHEV that the grandchildren of adults in the United States will see Communism in the US.

MAY DAY IN MOSCOW

On May 1, 1958, ALEXAI was accompanied by SEMA ~~KUZNETSOV~~ (last name means Smith) when he appeared at the informants' apartment. She is single, about 38 years of age, speaks English, and works with NICOLAI and ALEXAI. She was subsequently a frequent visitor in the informants' apartment.

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The informants had asked on April 30 for tickets to the May Day Parade. ALEXAI brought them two tickets, but when the informants stated that they had decided, for security reasons, not to attend the parade, ALEXAI and SEMA said they were happy with this most correct decision and that actually they could see the parade better on television.

The informants advised that the main slogans displayed at the parade dealt with peace and peace for the world. Other slogans urged the carrying out of decisions of the Central Committee to surpass the United States in production. Another slogan was "LONG LIVE THE GLORIOUS PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION." Another slogan was "LONG LIVE THE PARTY WHICH IS LEADING US TO COMMUNISM, THE DAWN OF HUMANITY." All slogans dealt with the supporting of the leadership and the issue of peace. There were none of the usual slogans of an anti-imperialist nature and calling for the end of imperialism.

CG 5824-S* stated that there was no photograph of STALIN in the parade, and that almost all photographs, statues, etc., of STALIN have been removed from Russia. Except for photographs of MARX

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and LENIN, other photographs were of the entire Presidium instead of a single photograph of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV. Thus, according to the informant, the cult of the individual has been destroyed.

While there was some motorized military equipment and missiles in the parade, the military was not emphasized, and aircraft did not participate in the parade. The emphasis was on peaceful pursuits and "peaceful co-existence."

REQUESTS MADE OF THE INFORMANTS

On May 2, 1958, ALEXAI "suggested" to CG 5824-S* that he must have a number of questions to raise with the Central Committee of the CPSU as a representative of the CP, USA. The informant was asked to formulate in writing those questions the American Communist Party wanted to raise with the Secretariat or Presidium or Central Committee of the CPSU. Also, both CG 5824-S* and [redacted] were asked to immediately prepare written biographies.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM CG 5824-S* HAD CONTACT IN RUSSIA

APPROV. 1/20
Both informants advised that after ALEXAI left Moscow for the United States he was replaced as their daily contact by YURI SERGEOVITCH IVANOV (spellings phonetic). He is about 28 years of age, and is a translator and security officer in the International Department. He speaks perfect English with a British accent. He carries the card or credentials of the Central Committee, which opens all doors at all times. He has lived in New Zealand and after World War II passed through the US on his way from China to Russia. He is a graduate of the Academy of Languages. His father was a military officer in the Russian Army and was killed in World War II. His mother perfected methods of teaching deaf and dumb children. His wife is studying English, which is considered the number one language in Russia after Russian.

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Both informants met with [redacted] [redacted]. He is now in Prague, Czechoslovakia, as part of a delegation [redacted] who will work on the International Communist Magazine, "For Peace and Democracy." The first issue of this magazine is due on or before September 1, 1958.

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b7cMEMBERS OF THE PRESIDIUM AND SECRETARIAT

CG 5824-S* met officially with B. N. PONOMAREV three times. He also met with ROMANOVSKY (phonetic), who is the head of the Young Communist League. He also met with OTTO KUUSINEN, member of the Presidium. He also met with PETER POSPELOV, described as one of the secretaries of the Central Committee and a member of the Presidium. He also met with M. B. ~~MITIN~~, head of the Marx-Engels Institute.

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CG 5824-S* asked for a meeting with MIKHAIL SUSLOV and was told by NICOLAI that SUSLOV was "very sick." CG 5824-S* advised that POSPELOV is now playing the role in the CPSU that SUSLOV played. While the informant had an appointment with NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, a delay in the plane trip from Peking to Moscow because of weather conditions prevented the informant from keeping this appointment, and KHRUSHCHEV left for Eastern Germany.

While full details of these meetings with leading members of the CPSU could not be obtained in one interview with CG 5824-S*, the informant advised that he was thanked for information on the CP, USA and the economic situation in the US which he prepared for the Central Committee. All of the leaders of the CPSU were very much interested in the American situation. They were chiefly interested in stabilizing a leadership in the CP, USA which is loyal to them. KUUSINEN told CG 5824-S* to convey to the CP, USA that the CPSU is

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grateful that the CP, USA got rid of revisionists such as JOHN GATES, HOWARD FAST, and others.

KUUSINEN, POSPELOV, MITIN, and PONOMAREV stated that they had a great interest in the formulation of a correct Marxist-Leninist program by the CP, USA. They are also most interested in what will be the basic program of the CP, USA.

It was in meetings with these leaders of the CPSU that CG 5824-S* was told that when KHRUSHCHEV made his speech at the 20th Congress of the CPSU and talked about paths to Socialism and different roads to Socialism, including the peaceful path to Socialism, he had in mind various Communist Parties in capitalist countries. The CPSU felt that a number of Communist Parties were on the griddle because of the issue of force and violence. KHRUSHCHEV was trying to ease the situation for these Parties in capitalist countries from a tactical point of view. However, when KHRUSHCHEV, in the same speech, said that in some capitalist countries where there is a strong regime with military and police power at its disposal, the working class may have to fight and respond to force and violence, and this applied specifically and concretely to the United States. The Communist Party can talk about different roads, but programmatically there can be no illusion that the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat will ^{not} require force and violence to suppress the bourgeoisie who will resist.

No Communist Party in any capitalist country, particularly the United States, can hope to go through a transition to Socialism without a dictatorship of the proletariat or, in essence, the dictatorship of the proletariat must be contained in the program of the CP, USA. The dictatorship of the proletariat will be required in every country. The form it will take will depend on the relationship of the classes. The amount of force and violence required will depend upon the resistance of the bourgeoisie or ruling class.

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CG 5824-S* also advised that PONOMAREV has criticized the "welfare state" of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN in the July issue of the "Kommunist."

The leading members of the CPSU with whom the informant talked stated that American imperialism is the chief enemy of mankind. They have no doubt that Communism will be victorious but US imperialism is standing in the way. They do not want to overestimate United States imperialism since they feel it is not as strong as it seems. They are not interested in war. They have no doubt that they will surpass the United States industrially and agriculturally. They feel that the United States is decaying economically but they wish they had the answer as to whether the United States will pursue a peaceful solution or an aggressive solution to its economic problems since armaments are a part of the American economy.

They stated that they are offering the people of the United States peaceful markets and believe the people in the US will accept this since it would relieve unemployment. They are trying to direct American efforts into peaceful trade. They are trying to reach the American people with the idea that they want peace and that Americans can get jobs through increased trade.

However, if there are any illusions that Russia wants peaceful co-existence because it is weak, these should be forgotten. To prove this, they will begin to show their ^{muscles} ~~missiles~~. The executions in Hungary and the launching of Sputnik No. 3 were evidence of this. Sputnik No. 3 is to remind the United States that Russia has missiles and armaments. It is "like a needle in Dulles' behind to remind him we have muscle and missiles."

A lot of stress is being placed on Latin America. The CPSU feels that the United States cannot rely on Latin America. It feels that Communism can go to town in Latin America. The tour of Vice President Richard Nixon proved that Latin America is not a preserve of the United States.

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)YUGOSLAVIA AND MARSHAL TITO

The leaders of the CPSU feel that TITO has to be destroyed as an agent of imperialism. The fight against revisionism is a fight to keep the socialist camp united. Acceptance of the Soviet Party as the leading Party is a part of this. Loyalty of the socialist camp to proletariat internationalism is needed so that a united front can be presented against imperialism. TITO has sold out to American imperialism. TITO states that the socialist state has become a bureaucratic state. Thus TITO has opened up the "under belly" of the socialist states and it is believed that he has reached some agreement with the United States.

Only on a theoretical basis can the CPSU rally the other Communist Parties by showing that TITO violated Marxism-Leninism and then sold out to United States imperialism. Thus all Communist Parties will have to condemn him. Practical measures are needed to isolate and to defeat him.

NICOLAI stated that Russia gave aluminum to Yugoslavia and all that Russia received in exchange was pottery and prunes. Therefore, let TITO sell pottery and prunes to the United States and get his aluminum from the United States.

RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

The Russians want to isolate TITO so he cannot open up a gate through which imperialism might break into the socialist camp. In the struggle against United States imperialism, Russia wants to unite all the socialist countries into one camp and to mesh their economies so that no socialist country will be wasting energy. Thus while Czechoslovakia might place emphasis on the production of machinery, other socialist countries will provide Czechoslovakia with the necessary food. By intermeshing their economies, the socialist states will be less dependent on the West.

Russia also wants to neutralize the United States, but if the United States will not deal in a peaceful way, Russia is not afraid to use force.

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE CPUSA

As soon as the Draft Program of the CPUSA is prepared, the CPSU wants a copy of it since the CPSU might be able to give some help to the CPUSA in regard to it.

CPSU is glad that the CPUSA has established contact with it. CPSU wants additional representatives from the CPUSA to come to Russia from time to time.

The CPSU wants young people from the CPUSA to come to Russia for training.

The Central Committee of the CPSU voted to give the CPUSA \$200,000 by the end of December, 1958. Canada will be the main channel of communication for funds and messages. The only person who has been getting money from the CPSU has been ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. B. N. PONOMAREV said that this \$200,000 will come from an international fund "contributed by members of other parties." PONOMAREV also stated that \$10,000 has been sent to TRACHTENBERG and another \$10,000 would be sent to Canada to be given to NY 694-S* pursuant to this decision. Money will continue to be sent through TRACHTENBERG unless or until some other arrangement is made.

The official channel of communication between CPSU and CPUSA will be through TIM BUCK and the Labor Progressive Party. Documents not considered too confidential will be sent to two Post Office Box numbers in Chicago (supplied to CG 5824-S* by the Chicago Office).

In August, 1958, there will be an important meeting of the Communist Party of Uruguay. In December there will be a meeting of all Communist Parties in the Western Hemisphere. It may be held in Argentina and the CPSU wants a representative of the CPUSA to attend this meeting. The time and place for the meeting may be decided upon at the meeting of the Communist Party of Uruguay.

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||| The leaders of the CPSU and the leaders of the Communist Party of China said that while WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is correct on most issues and is an honored leader of the CPUSA, EUGENE DENNIS is the practical and accepted leader of the CPUSA.

||| The CPSU approves the current Party line of the CPUSA and feels that the American party is now a functioning party. The American party is considered a part, a very important part, of the international Communist movement because it is working inside the biggest enemy - United States imperialism.

||| The CPSU will start getting 4,000 copies of "The Worker" in August, 1958. The CPSU feels that "The Worker" is doing the best and most militant job of presenting the activities in the Western world from the Communist viewpoint in the English language. Copies of "The Worker" will be used in Russia to assist in the teaching of the reading and understanding of the English language.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUALS

||| MOE MILLER was in Moscow and handled some Russian money for the CPUSA. He was in Moscow to handle technical arrangements for leadership of the CPUSA in exile at the time the CPUSA went underground. The Russians expected GIL GREEN and GUS HALL in Moscow, but the American party changed this decision to set up a leadership of the CPUSA in exile in Moscow. The Russians were worried when they learned from CG 5824-S* that MILLER is no longer in the CPUSA.

||| At one time GUS HALL handled money from Russia for the CPUSA. HYMAN LUMER and VICTOR PERLO will contribute articles to the new international Communist magazine "For Peace and Democracy." These articles may appear first in "Rude Pravda."

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|| The LICHTBLAUS, who are now in the United States, obtained the highest training in Russia.

|| JOHN ABT and his wife, JESSICA SMITH, are on their way to or may be in Moscow at the present time. She will discuss "World Review" with the CPSU.

FRANCES LOMAN, wife of CHARLES LOMAN, and OLGA AGOSTO, supporters of the ultra-left viewpoint in the CPUSA, went to the Conference of the Women for Peace in Vienna, Austria and obtained permission to go to China via Russia. They were in China during the latter part of June or the first part of July, 1958. The leadership of the CPSU and the Communist Party of China would not meet with them.

TOUR OF RUSSIA BY CG 5824-S* [REDACTED]

CG 5824-S* [REDACTED] were on a tour of Russia for approximately one month. They were accompanied on this tour by YURI SERGEOVITCH IVANOV. Among the cities they visited were Leningrad, Kiev and Stalingrad and met with the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in these cities. Details of this tour have not been obtained from the informants as yet.

It is to be noted that CG 5824-S* had voluminous notes in regard to his meetings in Moscow and his tour of Russia; however, on the day he left Moscow for Prague, Czechoslovakia, to return to the United States, he was told that he could not take his notes with him. No promise was made to him that these notes would be sent to him and in fact he was told that he should memorize this material.

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CG 5824-S* [] were in China for approximately 12 days during the latter part of June and the first part of July, 1958. CG 5824-S* met with MAO TSE TUNG and also with WANG CHIA-HSIANG, member of the Secretariat, the central committee and head of the International Liaison Department of the CP of China. He was the first Chinese Communist Ambassador to Russia. Translators present were YU CHI-YNG and THANG-MING-CHAO, who was known in the U.S. as CHU TONG and left the U.S. in 1951. The latter went to the 1958 Peace Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. CG 5824-S* also met with TENG HSIAO PING, Secretary of the Communist Party of China.

CG 5824-S* was able to get notes made during these conversations in China, out of China. They were mailed to Chicago and have been received and Photostated by the Chicago Division.

MAO said that the main enemy of Communism is the U.S. The workers need a strong Communist Party in the United States. Government ^{oppression} ~~opposition~~ of the CP, USA is good. It will make the party strong. Flowers that are raised in a hot house cannot weather a storm.

MAO asked if informant thought that JOHN FOSTER DULLES wants to start a war soon. He remarked that it is obvious that there are some differences among the bourgeoisie but asked if they are in agreement on helping the tensions to grow.

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MAO asked if the United States is afraid to fight big wars, why does it fight little wars, why didn't it continue the war in Korea? He commented that President EISENHOWER won the election on the basis of agreeing to stop the war in Korea. MAO asked why the United States didn't go into Viet-Nam? Why didn't it go into Indo-China? Why didn't it go into Syria? Why didn't the United States participate in the Egyptian invasion? After Sputnik I did the United States realize that it is lagging behind Russia. MAO stated that the U. S. imperialism had chances to fight small wars but lost the opportunities. The people in the United States were aroused and the government was worried because the people would not go along.

MAO said that he is not sure American foreign policy will be successful. He said he doubts that the U. S. can successfully carry on small wars.

MAO said that France's imperialism is losing. U. S. imperialism made noise in Syria but the Soviet Union and China said something and stopped the U. S. U. S. was not sure that the risks were not too great.

MAO said U. S. imperialism is not sure of itself. The leaders of the Latin American countries, who were the puppets of the U. S. Government, have been defeated. The peace movement is growing throughout the world and in the U. S. The U. S. imperialism faces many difficulties.

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MAO said the CP, USA should not worry about the size of its party. Numbers mean nothing. The CP of China was small at one time too. The CP, USA must continue to fight against revisionism to the end. Then MAO asked if it is proper to have a Negro leading the CP in New York. He said he believes the CP should hold Negroes in the background in order to get wider support. He said that members of the CP, USA, should not worry about being called "Moscow agents"; only a TITO will not be called a Moscow Agent.

MAO said that the CP, USA, has got to stick to fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism and must prepare to get out of its isolation. It must do hard and difficult mass work. MAO further stated he had talked with JACQUES DUCLOS at the 12 Party Conference in regard to the greetings or instructions he had sent to the CP, USA at the time of its 16th National Convention. MAO told the informant that he, MAO was glad the CP, USA solved its problems of revisionism all by itself since outside assistance can hurt. Then he asked if the Sputniks did not help to solve revisionist problems in the U. S.

In regard to American imperialism, MAO said that imperialism should not be over-estimated but that it is necessary to pay attention to it. Imperialism has many contradictions. Our enemy looks tough on the surface but is not that powerful. He said there may be many Koreas. China intends to fight if the U. S. starts something. China will fight if it has to and it has the Formosa Army in its pocket. MAO said, "We stopped the Americans militarily in Korea."

MAO said that if American imperialism thinks that the son of CHIANG KAI-SHEK can be trusted they are wrong.

In these discussions in China CG 5824-S* learned that China has stepped up industrial production. China claims to have achieved a steel production which surpasses that of England but China will not announce this for 3 years.

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MAO said that he does not care whether or not China gets into the United Nations. He said the United Nations will come begging for China to join it. Further, if Great Britain does not give China full diplomatic recognition, China will break diplomatic relations with Britain.

MAO said that Japan is in dire competition for markets. Japan is in a vise. If Japan does not knuckle under to Russia and China it will lose what it has.

Both CG 5824-S* and [] advised that through observation they learned that there is a mass campaign including films and plays, to emphasize the military power of China. The Chinese children talk about "Heartbreak Ridge" and how they defeated the Americans in Korea.

MAO said if General MacARTHUR had gone another mile then one-half of the Soviet Air Force and several Russian Divisions would have come into action. He also stated that right now he thinks that American imperialism has been stymied.

The International Department of the CP of China offered aid in any amount in money to the CP, USA. CG 5824-S* was told to name the amount and it would be received. CG 5824-S* told the International Department of the CP of China that he had no instructions in regard to this from the CP, USA. CG 5824-S* was told at any time the CP, USA needs financial help it should let the CP of China know and this help would be given.

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