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
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 11 March 1958

FROM:  John McDiarmid
Acting Director of Personnel

FILE NO.: PE 311/1 U.S.S.R.

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Position of U.S.S.R. Nationals in the Secretariat

I. Internationally Recruited Staff

..... The list attached (Annex I) shows the present 34 U.S.S.R. nationals who occupy internationally recruited posts. The "Desirable range" for the U.S.S.R. is 136-181 (31 August 1957).

II. Language Staff

..... Also attached (Annex II) is a list showing the 29 present U.S.S.R. nationals who occupy language posts.

III. Current Operations

(a) Mr. Konstantin Kochetkov (D-1, Department of Conference Services), is included on the list of present staff. We have particulars of his travel plans although he has not yet taken up his duties. Mr. Vadim A. Zaitsev (P-3, Department of Economic and Social Affairs), who has accepted appointment, is also included although we do not yet know his travel plans.

(b) We have been discussing informally with the U.S.S.R. Delegation the possibility of bringing Mr. T. V. Ryabushkin, the Soviet member of the Statistical Commission, to join the Statistical Office. He is a man well known to Messrs. Leonard and Loftus, and they would be very glad to have him on the staff at the D-1 level. He is a Professor of Statistics at Moscow University and is not a direct civil servant in the usual sense. The Delegation gave us to understand that, while they were glad of our interest, the last word rested with Mr. Ryabushkin. Mr. Ryabushkin finally sent, through the Delegation, a negative answer. The Delegation encourages us, however, not to take this as the last word, and agrees that when Mr. Ryabushkin next comes to a Statistical Commission meeting we might renew our persuasions with him directly.

..... (c) Mr. Alexander Stetsenko. My memorandum of 30 January 1958 is attached. I hope to have your guidance as to his future with us before his present contract expires on 4 April 1958.

(d) Professor Bokhari has already discussed with you the question of the contract of Mr. Sergei Bratchikov (P-5), at present Chief of the Moscow Information Centre. His present one-year contract expires on 17 March 1958, by which time he will have completed four years of service. I understand that you will have discussed the matter with Mr. Sobolev prior to this date and that we can count on receiving your guidance before the current contract expires.

..... (e) Succession to Mr. Burdykov (P-3, Department of Political and Security Council Affairs). My memorandum of 30 January 1958, attached, sets out the question at issue here, and we await guidance from you.

(f) Mr. Ivan G. Neklessa is likely to be proposed to the Appointment and Promotion Board for appointment to the Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories shortly. He is sponsored by the U.S.S.R. Delegation, but is from the Ukraine.

IV. Permanent Contracts

..... We have had no formal reply from the Delegation in response to our note verbale of 26 November 1957 which laid down the policy which the Secretary-General proposed to follow. We have, however, had informal indications from members of the Delegation that a "positive" response would be forthcoming.

V. Candidatures in Hand

..... The Delegation press us frequently, both orally and in writing, to take their candidates as vacancies occur. We, on our part, made our greatest effort by the visit of Messrs. Robertson and Kraczkiewicz to Moscow last year. I attach Mr. Robertson's report of 26 June 1957, and would add to the figures shown in paragraph 4 thereof, that the situation as of today is:

D-1 and above	-	6*	* as compared to: 4 27, on 31 Aug '57.
Professional	-	<u>28</u>	
Total	-	34	<u>31</u>

The number of language staff has increased from 22 as of 31 August 1957 to the present 29.

..... These efforts have skimmed off the cream from those interviewed, and the current list of active U.S.S.R. candidates which is attached as Annex III is not a very rich source of candidates.

The vacancies where we are discussing Russian candidates with Departments are:

(a) TAA - We offered a post at P-4 to Mr. Aleksander Molchanov. There was a difference of opinion with the Delegation as to the proper grade, and Mr. Molchanov finally decided not to accept our offer. The candidate the Delegation proposed in his place would not, in our view, meet the requirements of the post primarily for linguistic reasons. We would welcome a U.S.S.R. national in TAA where presently there is none. The Delegation has suggested Mr. Fedor Pavlovitch Dolya at the D-1 or D-2 level - a level where postwise we have no possibility of recruitment. We have reminded the Delegation that we have a long standing offer to them that they should suggest candidates for a post as Geologist at the P-5 level.

(b) Department of Economic and Social Affairs

(i) In the Bureau of Social Affairs we offered a P-3 post to Mme. Jamaza Bocharova. The Delegation's view of the right grade for her was D-1. We were able to increase our offer to P-4 but this has been turned down. We are providing the Delegation with a job description in the hope that a suitable candidate can be found, but we do not expect it will be easy to reconcile the Bureau's requirements with the qualifications of U.S.S.R. candidates.

(ii) We have for some time been urging the Delegation to send us candidatures from young economists and statisticians who might enter at the P-1 or P-2 levels. We have furnished the Delegation with sample job descriptions, but this venture has not yet shown any success.

Jm Cleland

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BOND
MADE IN NORWAY

4 March 1958

Annex I

ANNEX IPRESENT USSR STAFF MEMBERS
(Headquarters and Overseas Offices)31 January 1958

DOBRYNIN, Anatoly F.	U-S	US/WD
STETSSENKO, Alexander	D-2	ECE
CHECHETKIN, Igor	D-1	GS
EMALYANOV, Lev	D-1	PSCA
KARPOV, Boris	D-1	DPI
KOCHETKOV, Konstantin	D-1	CS
BRATCHIKOV, Sergei	P-5	Moscow Info. Centre
GORNOV, Vitali	P-5	ESA
OBUKHOV, Vladimir	P-5	US/WD
POPOV, F.D.	P-5	TRI
VISHNEV, Sergei	P-5	ECE
ASTAHOV, Pavel	P-4	Moscow Info. Centre
CHOSSUDOVSKY, Eugene	P-4	ECE
LOGINOV, Vladimir	P-4	DPI
LUKIANOV, Pavel	P-4	US/WD
MYRTSYMOV, A.	P-4	ECE
POBEDIMSKY, A.	P-4	ESA
AKIMOV, V.I.	P-3	ESA
BORISOV, Petr	P-3	DPI
DORONKIN, Kirill	P-3	DPI
GANIN, I.	P-3	Moscow Info. Centre
ISAEV, Boris	P-3	ECE
MOSHKOV, Michail	P-3	OSG/Personnel
RASSADNIKOV, E.	P-3	ECE
YOUNACHEV, E.G.	P-3	ECAFE
ZAITSEV, Vadim A.	P-3	ESA
ZYKOV, Georgy	P-3	OSG/Legal
AGAFONOFF, Alexander	P-2	ECE
ANTONOV, Sergei	P-2	TRI
BORDY, Maria	P-2	DPI
KAPTSOV, Nicolai	P-2	PSCA
SVIRIDOV, Felix	P-2	CS/Library
TCHERNOV, Michail	P-2	ESA
TARAKANOV, Alexei	P-1	ECE

Total: 34

ANNEX IIPRESENT USSR STAFF MEMBERS IN LANGUAGE POSTS
(Headquarters and Overseas Offices)31 January 1958

Annex II

MELEKH, Igor	P-5	CS/LMS
CHILIKIN, Vassily	P-4	Geneva (Interpreting Section)
KRESTIYANOV, Vladimir	P-4	CS/LMS
SAMARINE, Serge	P-4	Geneva (Interpreting Section)
SKOMOROVSKY, Boris	P-4	Geneva (Russian Trans. Section)
BORODINE, Irene	P-3	Geneva (Russian Trans. Section)
GRIGORYEV, George	P-3	CS/LMS
IMBERT, Lazore	P-3	ECAFE (Office Exec/Secy.)
IZMAYLOV, Youri	P-3	CS/LMS
KALININ, Nikolai	P-3	CS/LMS
KHRESTALEV, Eugene	P-3	Geneva (Russian Trans. Section)
SOSNOVSKY, Lev	P-3	Military Staff Committee Secretariat
SOSENSKY-SEMIKHAT, B.	P-3	CS/LMS
YERMOLYEV, G.M.	P-3	CS/LMS
ANDREYEV, Vadim	P-2	CS/Publishing
BUKATY, Boris	P-2	CS/LMS
KAMENSKICH, Gennadi	P-2	CS/LMS
KHVESTOV, Mihail	P-2	CS/LMS
KOLOKOLOV, Boris	P-2	Geneva (Russian Trans. Section)
KOVALEV, Leonid	P-2	CS/LMS
MISHUKOV, Jury	P-2	CS/LMS
MAZEPA, Stepan	P-2	CS/LMS
MAKSIMOV, Lev	P-2	CS/LMS
PALIANICHKO, A.A.	P-2	CS/LMS
POPOV, Vladimir	P-2	CS/LMS
SHULGIN, Vladimir	P-2	CS/LMS
SMIRNOV, Victor	P-2	Geneva (Russian Trans. Section)
VEREVKIN, Alexander	P-2	CS/LMS
VOLKOV, Igor	P-2	CS/LMS

Total: 29

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: The Secretary-General

FROM: John McDiarmid
Acting Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Mr. Alexander Stetsenko

Date: 30 January 1958

FILE NO.: SRS/58

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

Stetsenko

1. As you suggested, I have spoken to Mr. Tuomioja and to Mr. de Seynes regarding the fixed-term appointment of Mr. Alexander Stetsenko, Director (D-2), ECE, Geneva, which is scheduled to expire on 4 April 1958.

2. Mr. Tuomioja and Mr. de Seynes tell me that they have spoken to you about this and that you will give us your decision regarding it. I merely wanted to call your attention to the date concerned, since Mr. Tuomioja said he was under the impression, when he spoke to you, that Mr. Stetsenko's contract would expire in June, 1958.

John McDiarmid

John McDiarmid

cc: Mr. de Seynes
Mr. Green

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 30 January 1958

FROM: John McDiarmid
Acting Director of Personnel

FILE NO.: PE 311/1 USSR

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Candidates from the U.S.S.R. for the
Department of Political and Security Council Affairs

1. The Department of Political and Security Council Affairs has presently two officers from the U.S.S.R., Mr. L. D. Emelianov (D-1) and Mr. N. Kaptsov (P-2) out of a professional manning table of 41. For the past two years the Department had the services additionally of Mr. L. Burdyukov, (P-3), but Mr. Burdyukov occupied a post over and above the Department's manning table, maintained by using posts elsewhere and by temporary assistance funds.

Burdykov

2. Mr. Burdyukov has now resigned and the U.S.S.R. Delegation urges that, as a consequence, another candidate from the U.S.S.R. be appointed to "replace" him.

3. Dr. Protitch points out that he still cannot accommodate another candidate from the U.S.S.R. within his manning table. He would, however, take one of a short list of two candidates who were interviewed by Messrs. Robertson and Krackiewicz in Moscow if an additional post were allotted from the common manning table for this purpose.

4. We can scarcely tell the Delegation that an arrangement which was possible for the last two years has become impossible in 1958 at the time when we have the overall manning table. On the other hand, it was my impression that, while you wished to use the common manning table to strengthen some of our activities, you had not particularly thought that the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs needed strengthening.

5. Mr. Turner believes that it would be most undesirable to use temporary assistance funds for such a replacement and that if it is your wish to appoint a U.S.S.R. national to replace Mr. Burdyukov, we would have to use an established post from some other Department and have a firm understanding with the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs that the first suitable vacancy which occurred in that Department would have to be used to readjust the manning table.

6. From the work standpoint and having in mind that two U.S.S.R. officials are presently serving in the PSCA Department, I am inclined to recommend that we tell the U.S.S.R. Delegation that we do not believe we can offer an appointment to an additional U.S.S.R. citizen for this Department at this time. I would, however, appreciate your guidance in the light of the overall considerations.

cc: Mr. Turner
Dr. Protitch

John McDiarmid

1. The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the question of eligibility for permanent appointment of staff members of USSR nationality, which was recently raised by members of the USSR Mission in conversations with the Director of Personnel.

2. The Secretary-General notes that the same principles of eligibility for permanent appointment apply to staff members of USSR nationality as to staff members of other nationalities.

3. The reasons underlying the small number of permanent appointments granted hitherto to staff members of USSR nationality are the following:

i. The USSR Government has in the past stated that it preferred its nationals to serve in the United Nations Secretariat on the basis of fixed-term appointments;

ii. On its part, the Secretariat has been following the practice of granting fixed-term appointments rather than permanent or probationary appointments to staff members who were civil servants of their national governments or had a similar status, and who were seconded by governments for service with the Secretariat for a limited duration; in such cases permanent appointments could, however, be granted if the government concerned released the staff member from the obligation to resume duty in the national administration upon recall, and if the staff member concerned resigned from his status as a civil servant of his national government.

4. Attention is drawn to the Secretary-General's current plan, on which he has on several occasions reported to the General Assembly, and been supported in deliberations of the General Assembly, to increase stage-by-stage the proportion of the "internationally recruited" staff serving on fixed-term appointments as against those to be offered permanent appointments.

5. Bearing all these considerations in mind, the Secretary-General wishes now to examine the possibility of increasing, within limits, the number of staff members of USSR nationality serving on a career basis, i.e., under permanent appointments.

Note Verbale
of 26 Nov'57

6. In order to proceed in that direction the Secretary-General attaches considerable importance to receiving first an assurance from the USSR Government that any staff members of USSR nationality serving under permanent appointments, or serving under probationary appointments with the expectancy of eligibility for permanent appointment, would not be subject to unilateral recall by the government and that they would be released of any obligation to resume functions in their national administration at the request of the USSR Government; it being understood that the USSR Government would have been consulted before probationary or permanent appointments were extended to USSR nationals.

7. If a general assurance on the lines indicated above could be obtained, the Secretary-General would be willing:

(a) In the first instance, to review the cases of all staff members of USSR nationality now serving under fixed-term appointments in posts with linguistic requirements (such as translators and interpreters) with a view to deciding in which individual cases he would be prepared to offer a permanent appointment, subject to satisfactory probation. The Secretary-General deems it clearly in the interests of the Secretariat to have a larger proportion of linguistic staff serving on permanent appointments, with the ensuing benefits of continuity and increased experience. It is noted that staff members serving in posts with linguistic requirements are not taken into account for purposes of geographical distribution among the staff.

(b) The Secretary-General would also be willing, as a parallel operation, to consider in appropriate individual cases other serving staff members of USSR nationality for probationary or permanent appointments. In each case permanent appointments would be granted after satisfactory probation.

8. The Secretary-General would be prepared to implement the programme described above as soon as a satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at concerning the problem referred to in paragraph 6. On his part, the Secretary-General would be prepared (as indicated in paragraph 6) to give an assurance that before considering any individual staff member of USSR nationality for permanent or probationary appointment, he would ascertain that such a course of action is agreeable to the USSR Government; the staff members concerned would, of course, be consulted and requested to express clearly their wish to continue their service in the United Nations on a career basis under a permanent appointment.

9. It is the intention of the Secretary-General to continue the present practice of offering newly recruited staff members of USSR nationality in the first instance fixed term appointments of appropriate duration, and to apply to these new staff members the policies described above only after they have served some time in the Secretariat.

26 November 1957

drafted:K.Kraczkiewicz/c

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

FROM: J. A. C. Robertson, Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S.S.R. Candidates for the United Nations

*Thanks. Letter OK
(I guess the name on 2
is misspelled).*

Date: 26 June 1957

FILE NO.: PE 311/1 USSR

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

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*On my return I would
need a brushing up on
the two Ambassadors.*

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1. You asked me yesterday where this stood. The best answer is to show you the attached draft letter I would propose, with your approval, to send to Moscow.

2. We interviewed in Moscow, apart from candidates for TAA Expert appointments, a total of 52 candidates. Ten of these were for the Language Service, and for ^{these and} other linguists an examination is being held in Moscow this month. Of the 42 candidates for the United Nations Secretariat -- Headquarters and Geneva -- we saw two Ambassadors, on whom I have reported to you directly already.

3. This leaves 40 interviewed for professional posts, including a number of "hopeless" candidates. Of the balance, Mr. Krackiewicz and I made summaries of our interviews with those we saw in Moscow who seemed especially worthy of consideration. Since then, we have brought these candidates to the attention of the Geneva Office, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Public Information and UNICEF. I did not forward a single candidate who had not impressed us as being worthy of consideration. Even so, it has been tough going getting Departments to make up their minds to accept what was offered and to envisage useful work for Russian recruits.

J.A.C.R. Report
of 26 June '57

4. The desirable range of posts for the U.S.S.R. is 136 - 181 (1957) (~~1957 is 136 - 181~~). Although a member since the beginning of the United Nations, the U.S.S.R. is of all the 25 countries "below the desirable range" by far the most "under-represented". Yet the trend is improving:-

<u>31 August 1955</u>	<u>31 August 1956</u>	<u>31 May 1957</u>
D-1 and above - 3	D-1 and above - 3	D-1 and above - 3
Professional - 16	Professional - 22	Professional - 25
Total - 19	Total - 25	Total - 28

5. When in Moscow I exchanged views with Mr. Kuznetzov about the desirability of moving in the direction of planning requirements, and I told him this was a two-way process, and that the U.S.S.R. for their part must think ahead and plan supplies of useful candidates. As you know, Mr. Kuznetzov (and also Mr. Sobolev) admit frankly that they have not served their very good people to the United Nations in the past and have

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not taken this matter of participation in the United Nations, in the sense of U.S.S.R. nationals making effective contribution, as seriously as they now claim they are doing.

6. With this preamble, I turn now to describe our approach. We set ourselves a target of raising the number of U.S.S.R. nationals in the United Nations to 40, by easy stages, and keeping them about there, unless or until the quality improves. We thought (disclosing none of this to the Russians) that the number at D-1 and above ought to go up from three to five, and the number of other professionals should go up to, say, 35. Wastage of returning U.S.S.R. nationals should be anticipated in advance and wherever possible each head-for-head exchange be made to represent an improvement in quality and usefulness to the United Nations. Finally, we should play off any increase achieved in professional U.S.S.R. representation against a more sensible contribution from the U.S.S.R. in the shape of Russian interpreters, translators and typists, all of whom are in increasingly short supply.

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7. The effect of our efforts to date are contained in the attached draft letter that I would like to send, in the next few days, to Moscow with a copy to the Permanent Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the United Nations. Does this have your approval, please?

JACROBERTSON

4 March 1958

ANNEX III

ACTIVE USSR CANDIDATES

ANISIFOROV, Vasili
ASTAFIEV, Yuri
BARSUKOV, Yury V.
DOROFEYEV, Serguei I.
EGOROV, Yuri E.
IVANOV, Victor M.
KHMELEVSKY, Alexander V.
KIRILYUK, Vadim
MAKEEV, Eugeny N.
MOSHKOV, Vassily
PALENYKH, Igor M.
PIROGOV, Vladimir Y.
ROMANOV, Ivan D.
SAVITSKY, K.M.
VASILIEV, Ivan P.

Annex

ANISIFOROV, Vasili

Date of Birth: 1919
Knowledge of English: Adequate
Main Experience: Engineer - Economist
U.N. Code: Pol. Affrs. Off. - Int.

Remarks: Interviewed - Is bright and gives impression of being well informed. A potentially interesting candidate as a "generalist". Difficult to place in the immediate future, but might be kept in mind for a junior position in a post where specialization would not be required.

ASTAFIEV, Yuri

Date of Birth: 1926
Knowledge of English: Good
Main Experience: Diplomat
U.N. Code: Pol. Affrs. Off. - Int.

Remarks: Interviewed - Could be considered for a junior post in PSCA. F. ex. as a replacement for Mr. Burdyukov.

BARSUKOV, Yury V.

Date of Birth: 1931
Knowledge of English: Good
Main Experience: Lawyer - Diplomat
U.N. Code: Legal Aff. Off. - International Jr.

Remarks: Interviewed - Could be considered for a junior post as a "generalist".

DOROFYEV, Serguei I.

Date of Birth: 1925
Knowledge of English: Good
Main Experience: Historian, Diplomat, Interpreter
U.N. Code: Pol. Affrs. Off. - Int.

Remarks: Interviewed - To be considered in due course but not quite as good as some other "generalists". For instance Molchanov.

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ACTIVE USSR CANDIDATES

EGOROV, Yuri E.

Date of Birth: 1922
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Public Relations
U.N. Code: Pub. Rel. Off. - Sr.

Remarks: Interviewed - Ukrainian - produced a good impression. Obviously has a lively intelligence and would be easy to integrate. Should receive consideration for a P-3 or P-4 post in DPI.

IVANOV, Victor M.

Date of Birth: 1919
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Engineer - Economist
U.N. Code: Econ.-Sr. (ECE)

Remarks: Interviewed - Worth considering by ECE for a post at the P-4 level.

KHMELEVSKY, Alexander V.

Date of Birth: 1911
Knowledge of English: Good
Main Experience: Engineer
U.N. Code: Econ.-Sr. (ECE) Railroads

Remarks: Interviewed - Ukrainian. Seems a good man in his field but in view of his predominately technical qualifications, should be interviewed by someone who has competence in this field. Probably more useful as an expert than for a Secretariat post.

KIRILYUK, Vadim

Date of Birth: 1928
Knowledge of English: Not yet good enough (June 1957)
Main Experience: Lawyer, Diplomat
U.N. Code: Pending

Remarks: Interviewed 1957 - Delegation believe English language command is increasing.

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ACTIVE USSR CANDIDATES

MAKEEV, Eugeny N.

Date of Birth: 1928
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Diplomat
U.N. Code: Soc. Affrs. Off. - Int. (Standards of Living)

Remarks: Interviewed - Potentially an interesting candidate but in view of his unwillingness to come to New York, it is doubtful whether we could offer him an appointment.

MOSHKOV, Vassily

Date of Birth: 1911
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Engineer
U.N. Code: SOA Off. - Sr. (Housing & Town Planning)

Remarks: Interviewed - Should be considered by ECE. He undoubtedly has a broad experience in the technical and economic aspects of housing and could probably make a useful contribution.

PALENYKH, Igor M.

Date of Birth: 1929
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Diplomat
U.N. Code: Info. Off. - Jr. (P-2)

Remarks: Interviewed - He has a pleasant personality and is an interesting candidate as a "generalist" - perhaps in DPI at the P-3 level. Would also be suitable as a personal assistant to a Senior USSR staff member - worth serious consideration.

PIROGOV, Vladimir Y.

Date of Birth: 1926
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Diplomat
U.N. Code: Pol. Affrs. Off. - Sr.

Remarks: 1955 Application. Not interviewed 1957. Med. Class. "A".

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ACTIVE USSR CANDIDATES

ROMANOV, Ivan D.

Date of Birth: 1920
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Economist, Engineer
U.N. Code: Econ.-Rs.

Remarks: 1955 Application. Not interviewed 1957.

SAVITSKY, K.M.

Data of Birth: 1907
Knowledge of English: Very Good
Main Experience: Economist
U.N. Code: Econ. - Sr. (ECE)

Remarks: Interviewed - Considering his seniority and the necessity to offer him a fairly high-graded post, it was doubtful that an opportunity to use him would arise.

VASILIEV, Ivan P.

Date of Birth: 1917
Knowledge of English: Fair
Main Experience: Transport
U.N. Code: Pending

Remarks: Interviewed - Seems to be rather specialized. Doubtful that we could offer him a post but Mr. Le Vert's opinion being obtained.

CONFIDENTIAL

Statement re Proposed Denial of Visas
for Georgi Mikhailovich Yermolyev and his Wife

(To be read to the Secretary General
for his personal and confidential information)

Yermolyev, while in the United States, abused the privilege of his residence by engaging in intelligence acquisition activities beyond the scope of his official duties as an employee of the United Nations Secretariat. Initially the Department considered requesting the termination of Yermolyev's employment, but when it became known Yermolyev planned to leave the United States to return to the USSR on home leave the Department decided it would be preferable to await his departure and then deny his application for a visa to return to the United States rather than put the Secretary General in the position of having to entertain a request for dismissal.

Yermolyev did not pursue his intelligence acquisition activities on his own initiative but acted in the pursuance, and furtherance, of a preconceived plan. The United States residents approached by Yermolyev were individuals who had visited the Soviet Union and had been asked to aid any one who might contact them upon their return to the United States.

One of the individuals approached by Yermolyev, a United States citizen, had become involved in a compromising incident while traveling in the Soviet Union. Before his departure from the Soviet Union this individual was confronted with evidence of his indiscretion and, after several days of interrogation, was finally coerced into signing a paper agreeing to assist the Soviets upon his return to the United States. This individual was approached by Yermolyev on six separate occasions after his return to the United States.

The Department's decision to deny Yermolyev a visa, should he apply to return to the United States, is **totally** unrelated to the USSR note of May 8; Yermolyev's status had been under study by the Department prior to our receipt of the USSR Delegation's note and action would have been taken by the United States in any event.