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TO: IMMEDIATE

1ST NOTE

1. AT 1800 HRS 12 JANUARY AT DIPLOMATIC GAS STATION SOVIET MALE (SUBJ) APPROACHED [REDACTED] AND SAID IN ENGLISH: "ARE YOU [REDACTED] I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU." [REDACTED] ANSWERED THAT YES [REDACTED] THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TALK THERE AND ASKED WHAT HE WANTED. SUBJ QUICKLY SAID: "OH, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT? (AS IF HE EXPECTED [REDACTED] TO SO RESPOND)" AND THEN SWITCHING TO RUSSIAN SAID: "EXCUSE ME", LEANED SLIGHTLY INTO [REDACTED] CAR AND PUT A FOLDED PIECE OF PAPER ON SEAT. (HE HAD BEEN PALMING NOTE AND VERY MUCH PREPARED FOR WHAT HE WAS DOING.) [REDACTED] WAS GETTING INTO CAR AT TIME OF APPROACH AND ENTIRE EXCHANGE LASTED NO MORE THAN 15 SECONDS. [REDACTED] HAD NOT NOTICED SUBJ UNTIL LATTER ACTUALLY SPOKE. THERE WERE AT LEAST 5 CARS WAITING TO FILL UP AND PEOPLE STANDING IN AREA. AS SOON AS SUBJ PLACED NOTE IN CAR HE WALKED FROM STATION AND TURNED DOWN SIDE STREET. NOBODY AT STATION PAID ANY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SUBJ, AND [REDACTED] NOTICED NO ONE FOLLOWING SUBJ, [REDACTED] DID

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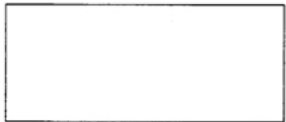
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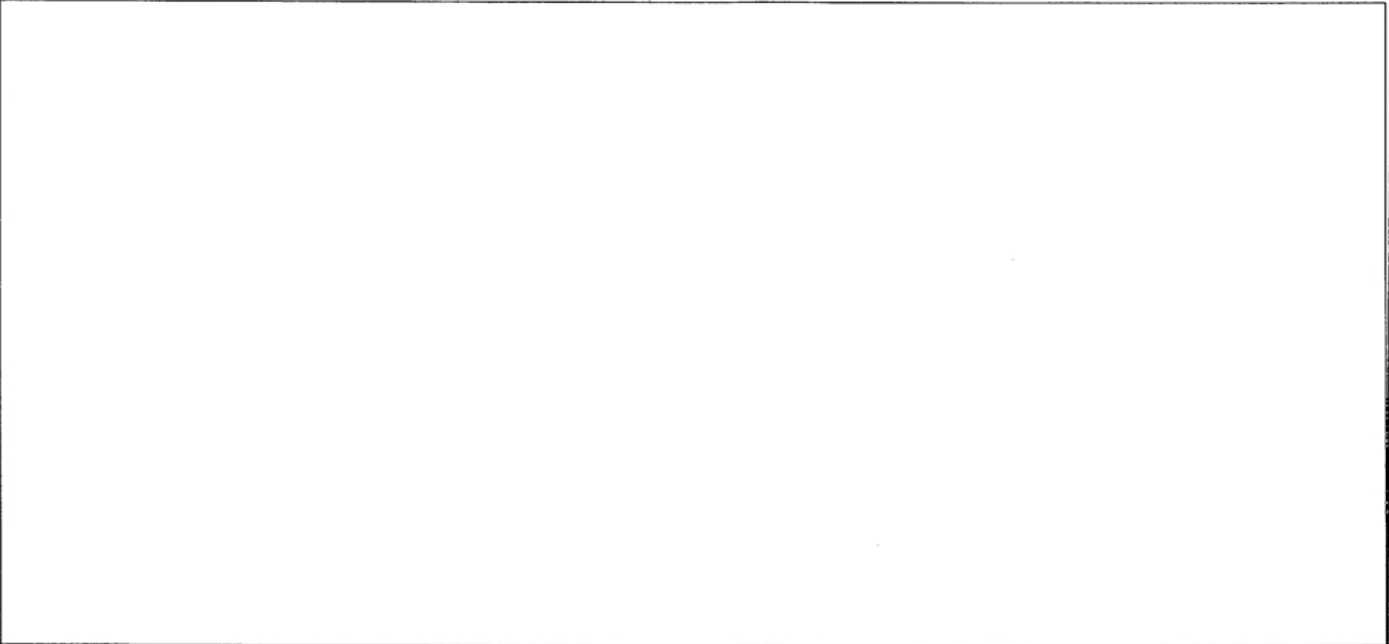


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NOT HAVE SURVEILLANCE, ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT EXACTLY CERTAIN AT TIME OF APPROACH.

2. SUBJ APPEARED TO BE IN LATE 50'S EARLY 60'S, DRESSED AS AVERAGE SOVIET WEARING DARK OVERCOAT AND FUR HAT. HE ABOUT 5'6" AND 175 POUNDS.  WAS ONLY U.S. CAR AT STATION AT TIME, AND SUBJECT OBVIOUSLY WAITING FOR AMERICAN TO SHOW UP. SUBJ APPEARED IN NO WAY TO BE NERVOUS AND OBVIOUSLY HAD APPROACH WELL THOUGHT OUT.

3. NOTE WAS ON SINGLE SHEET OF WHITE PAPER, WRITTEN ON BOTH SIDES, AND FOLDED WITHIN SECOND PIECE OF PAPER (BLANK). FOLLOWING



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5. WHAT STRUCK US ABOUT NOTE IS DETAIL AND CAREFULLY THOUGHT-
OUT MEETING PLAN. (WE FORWARDING TRANSLITERATION SO YOU COULD SEE
TERMINOLOGY.) HOWEVER NOTE PROVIDES NO IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJ OR
WHAT HE HAS ON HIS MIND. NOTE IS CONSPIRATORIAL, WHICH MIGHT
SUGGEST SOME INTEL BACKGROUND.

6. WE VERY MUCH AWARE THIS COULD BE PROVOCATION, AND WE WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE BETTER IDEA OF WHAT SUBJ IS UP TO BEFORE MAKING ANY PERSONAL
MEETING. WOULD LIKE TO WAIT FOR POSSIBILITY OF HIS GETTING SECOND

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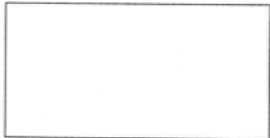
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NOTE TO US. THEREFORE, FEEL BY PLACING OUR CAR AT SITE AND NOT
 SHOWING UP FOR PERSONAL MEET WILL INDICATE OUR INTEREST, BUT SOMETHING
PREVENTED US FROM MAKING MEETING.  WILL PLACE CAR BETWEEN
 1750 AND 1800 TONIGHT INDICATING WE INTERESTED IN PLAN 1 CAR
 MEETING RATHER THAN PLAN 2 (METRO). SINCE SITE JUST OFF ARBAT SEE
 NO SECURITY PROBLEMS.

7. REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE COMMENTS.

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Let's discuss

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