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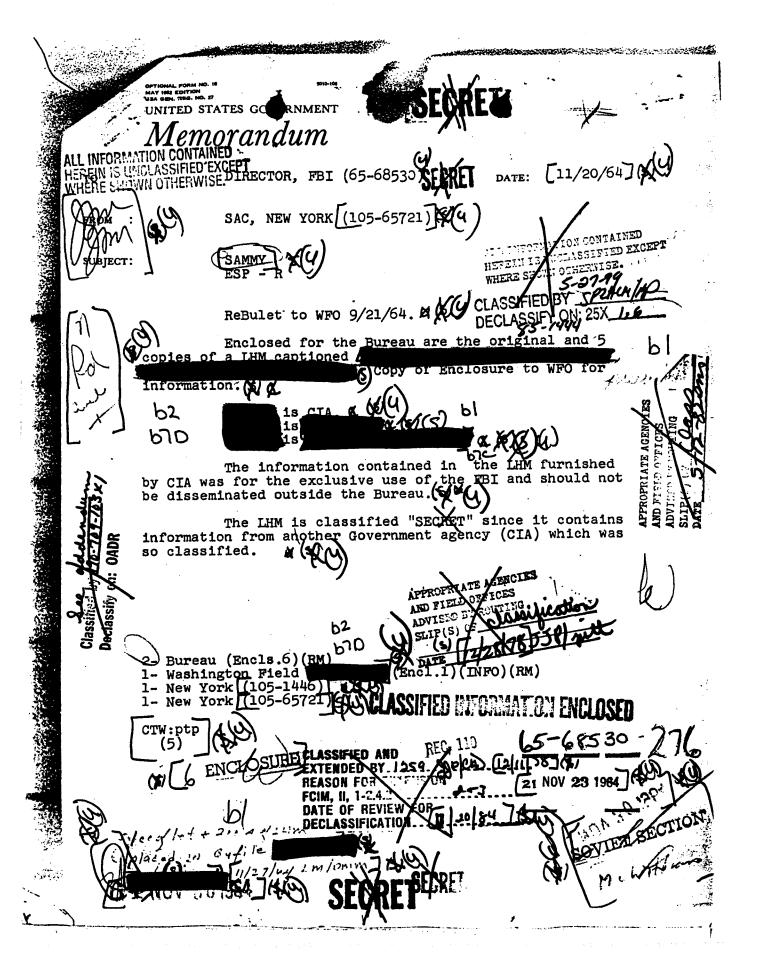
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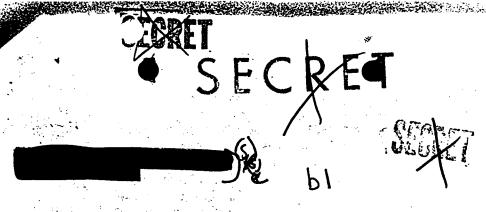
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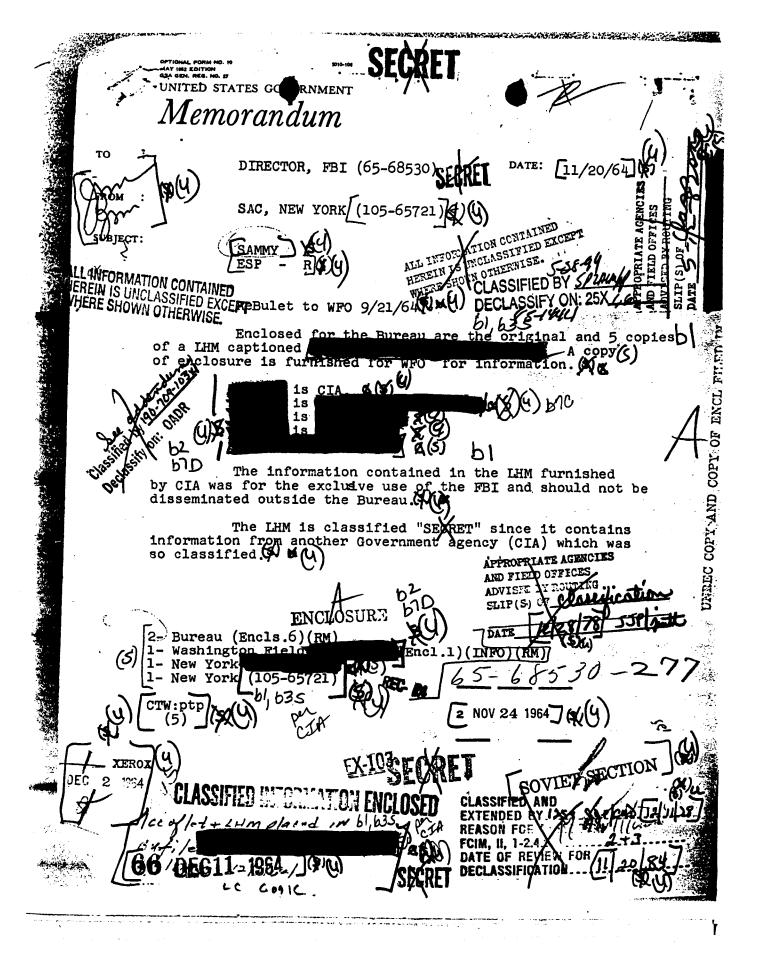
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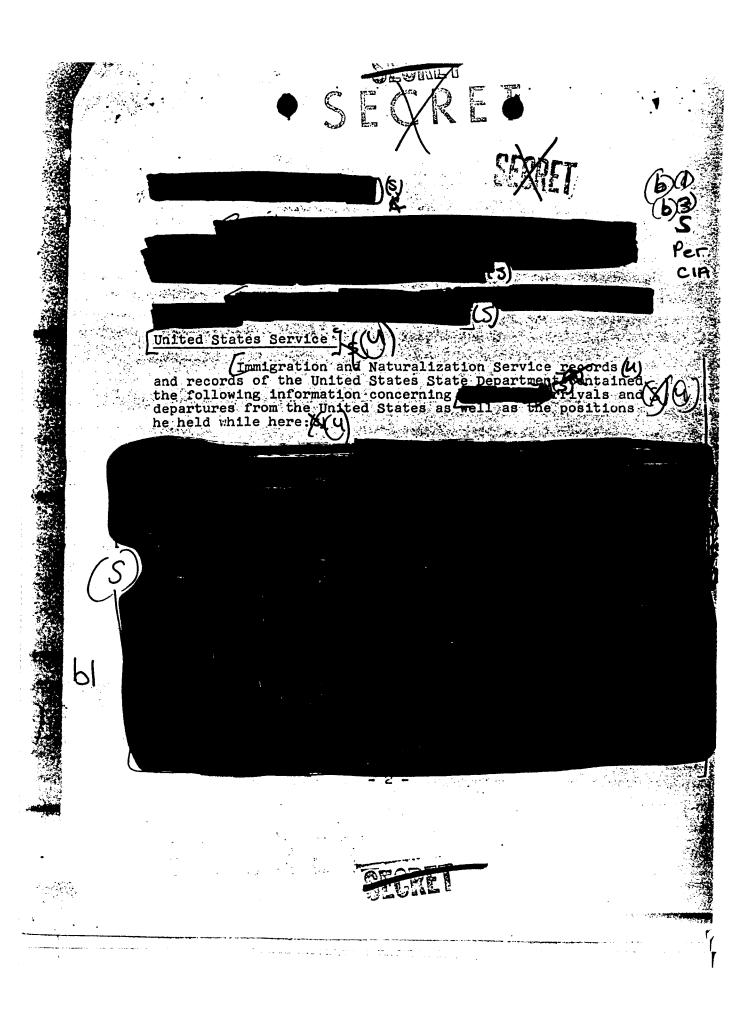
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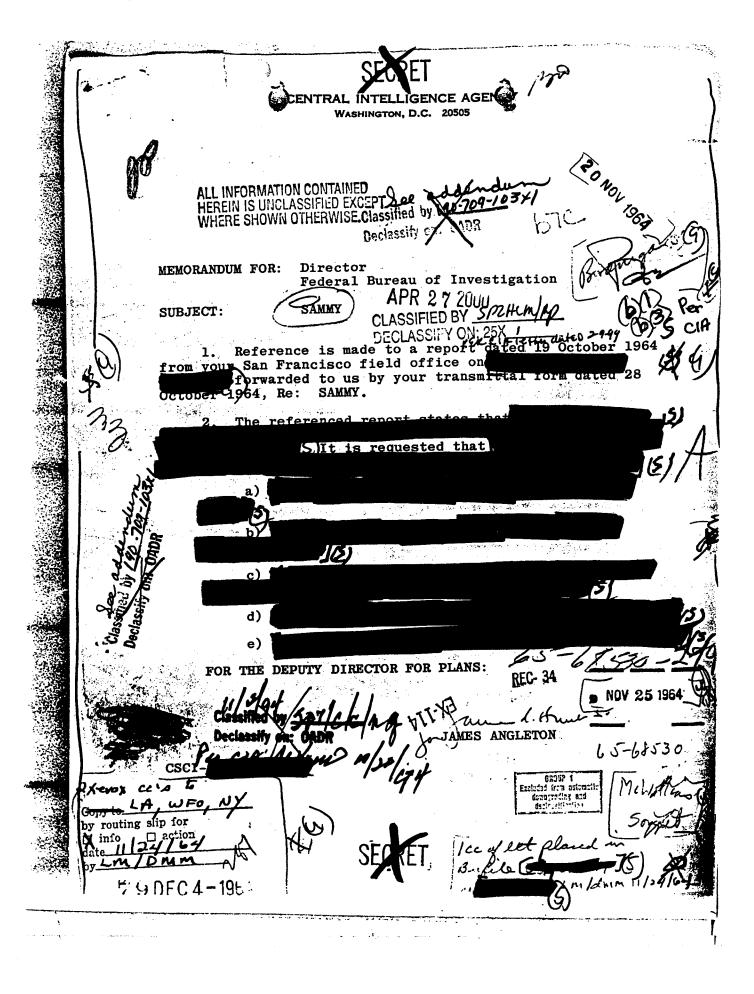
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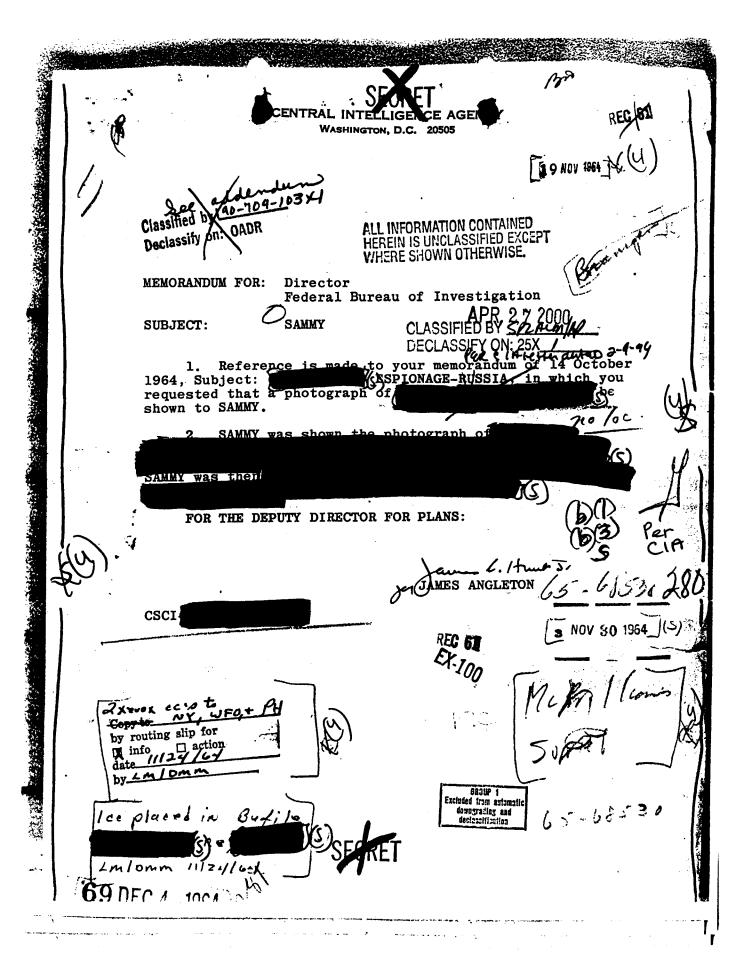
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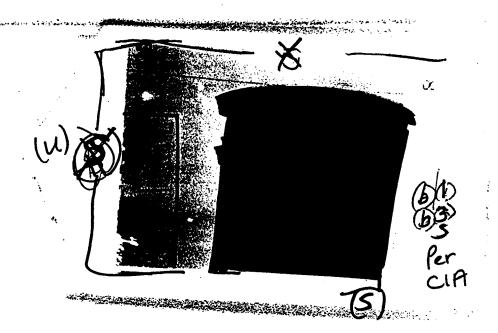
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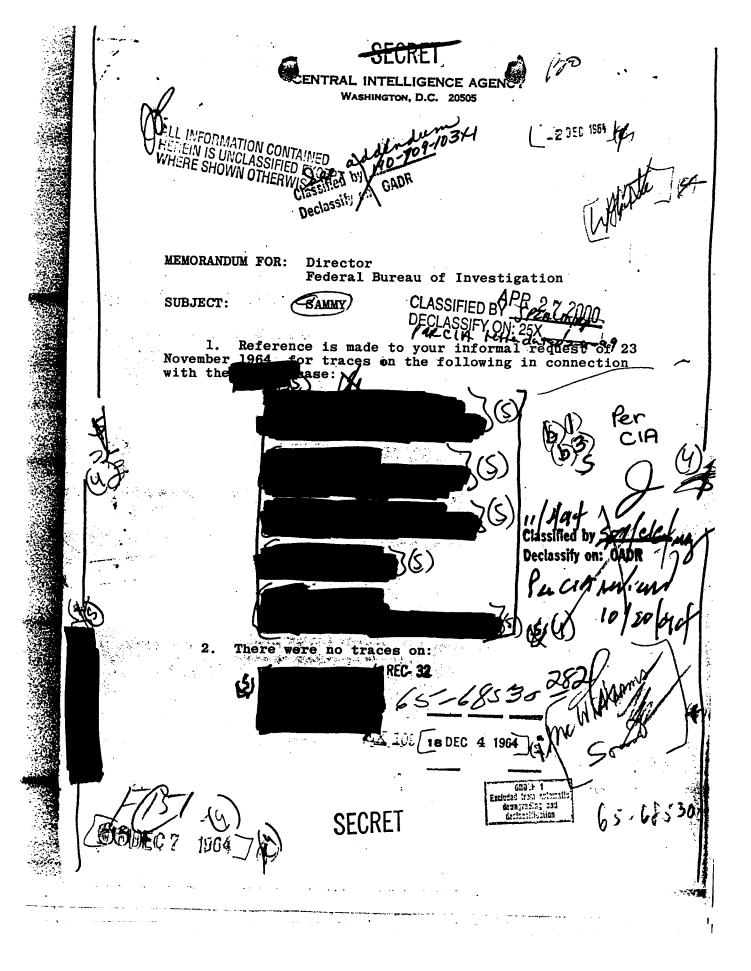
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CIA has stated they believe the NOSENKO defection to be a KGB deception. In their analyses of NOSENKO, CIA has created a veritable whirlpool of KGB intrigue and disinformation which has involved defector after defector, all swirling about in everincreasing intensity around the vortex of NOSENKO. None save as immune to the whirlpool sorip. In fact, CIA states that the main purpose of the NOSENKO deception

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Concerning the basic themes mentioned above, it does not seem particularly unusual that other defectors-in-place would report information of a similar nature regarding points 1, 2 and 3 above. Regardless of whether NOSENKO is a legitimate defector or not, accounts of repercussions following such a prominent defection, true or untrue, were bound to circulate throughout the KGB complex to be passed on, in turn, by the other defectors-in-place. The fact that all of them tend to support, in varying degrees, the facts given by NOSENKO does not necessarily place them in the same category as NOSENKO. The information they furnish re NOSENKO may be disinformation given out by the KGB but which is repeated by them in good faith. On the basis of what is known concerning these defectors

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i.e., NOSENKO, the NYO does not feel it can categorically place them in one category or the other insofar as their bona fides is concerned since the NYO has not had direct contact, complete information and is not fully cognizant of all ramifications surrounding their open defection and current operations.

Relet concerns itself mainly with the conclusion reached by CIA that during the period 1960-1962, NOSENKO was not in the position he claimed, that of Deputy Chief of the First (American Embassy) Section, First (American) Department, Second (Counterintelligence) Chief Directorate. This conclusion was reached basically on the lack of knowledge NOSENKO has exhibited re operations against the American Embassy during that period and the fact that what information he has furnished came not from personal knowledge (except in one case) but from other KGB officials. Particular note was made of certain situations involving secretaries of high US Embassy officials in Moscow that existed during the period 1960-1962, of which a person in the position NOSENKO claimed to be in would surely be aware. On the basis of the facts furnished by CIA, the NYO agrees that it is quite probable that CIA is correct in concluding that NOSENKO did not hold the position he claimed he did in 1960-1962.

The question then arises -- why does NOSENKO make this claim [if he did not actually hold that position?] One reason could be that it is part of his ewn personal build-up, knowing that the Americans would be particularly interested in any information concerning penetration of the US Embassy. Moscow. To become knowledgeable he kept notes or memorized names and events as well as the identities of the Sovietinformants utilized against the Americans. Secondly, all of his information with regard to the American Embassy could well be KGB disinformation, furnished to American Intelligence through their transmission belt, NOSENKO, for the purpose of achieving a higher, indiscernible ebjective

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In any analysis of the bona fides of NOSENKO it is well to consider certain other facts relating to the activities of the NY KGB Residency. For example, an analysis of known scheduled and confirmed meets involving members of the KGB New York Residency, covering the period May, 1963, through October, 1964, reflected the following pertinent information:

During the period May, 1963, through October 1963, the average number of known scheduled meets was 36 per month, while the known confirmed meets averaged 28.5 per month.

In November, 1963; the number of known scheduled meets dropped substantially to 23 and the confirmed dropped even further to 11.

In December, 1963, these figures rose to 30 scheduled, 24 confirmed and in January 1964, to 37 scheduled and 25 confirmed.

In February, 1964, these figures again fell substantially to 23 scheduled and 17 confirmed and have generally been on the decline ever since.

The average for the period February, 1964 through October, 1964, is 17.3 known scheduled meets per month and 10 known confirmed meets per month.

It is believed that these figures, while based on the number of known scheduled and confirmed meets only, do significantly reflect that two incidents occurred, one in October, 1963, and one in early February, 1964; which had drastic effects upon KGB meets with agents in the NY area

These two incidents were obviously the arrest and the NOSENKO defection

It is also believed that it is of some significance to note that following the arrest

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there was an immediate decline, but by January, 1964, things were almost back to normal. This would indicate that the effects of the arrest were not lasting in nature.

On the other hand, NOSENKO's defection appears to have had a much more profound and lasting effect upon the KGB Residency in NY.

It is, therefore, the belief of the NYO that, the above information would appear to indicate that the NOSENKO defection did affect the intelligence activities of the KGB in the NY area and that this, in turn, gives a clue to the effect it had upon KGB headquarters in Moscow. Other defectors-in-place corroborate this (3)

The NYO does not possess complete figures of scheduled and confirmed meets of the GRU NY Residency of several years ago but the NYO is aware that the GRU NY Residency was flourishing prior to the apprehension of

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The NYO thereby points out that the KOB and GRU do react to adverse conditions (5)

It is noted that in their letter of 8/13/64, CSCI-316/00674-64, CIA says that from his personal knowledge, has flatly stated that NOSENKO was not in the American Department in 1960-1961.

This brings up the interesting point; that although the KGB must have been aware of the fact that knew NOSENKO was not in the American Department in 1960-1961; the KGB, according to the CIA analysis, nevertheless dispatched NOSENKO as the focal point in the master plot. There is no indication that CIA has attempted.

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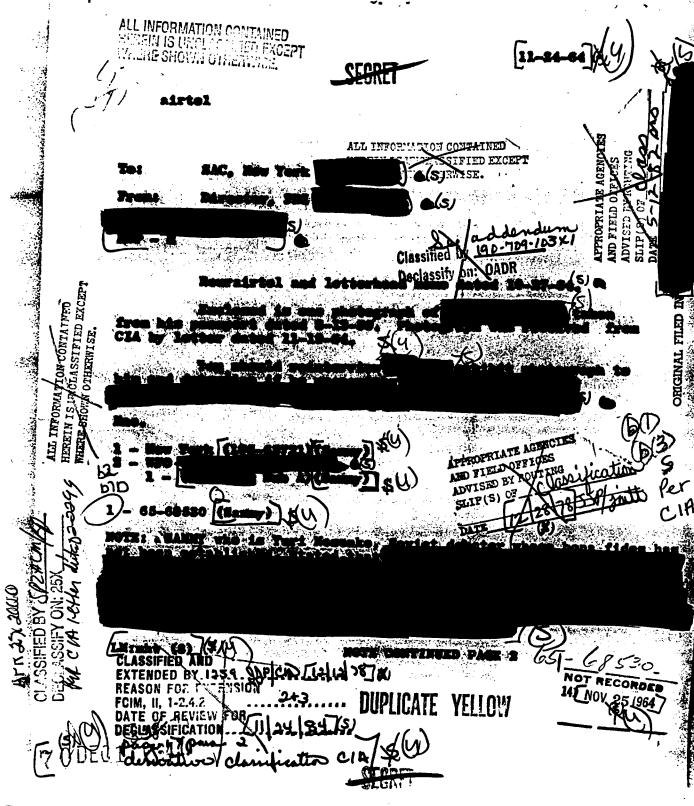
The NYO feels it is unrealistic to view any and all corroborating data to NOSENKO's information received as being in direct support of the doubts of CIA concerning NOSENKO's and other Soviet defections in the absence of other and more positive data. At the same time, the necessity for continuously remaining alert for the possibility of duplicity on the part of all defectors cannot be denied and is fully recognized.

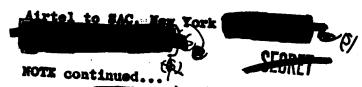
cIA has undoubtedly taken their strong stand on the basis of their personal dealings with NOSENKO and perhaps on additional information which has not been made available to the NYO. The NYO has complete information only on the standard of the new considering the defectors CIA has included in their analyses. The NYO shares much of CIA's high regard for the who has undoubtedly been very knowledgeable. We are not aware, however, that has of recent date furnished any significant verifiable information. However, it is felt caution must be exercised in regarding him as infallible and that there is danger in setting him up as the litmus paper to be used in testing the bona fides of all other defectors.

The NYO would appreciate a copy of the Bureau's reply to CIA in this matter.

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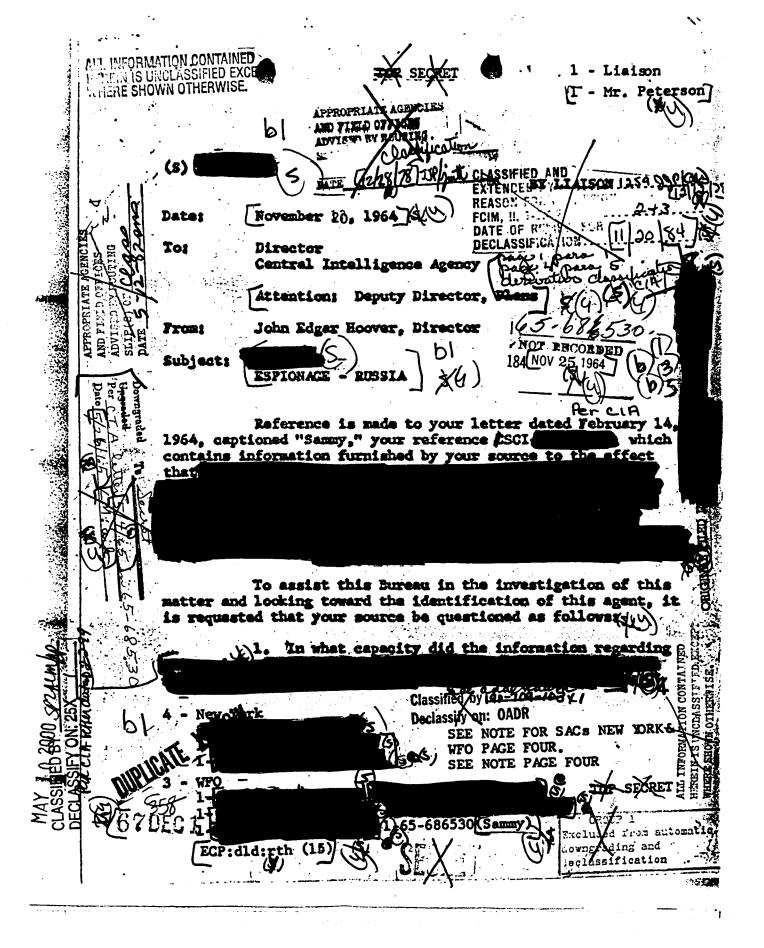
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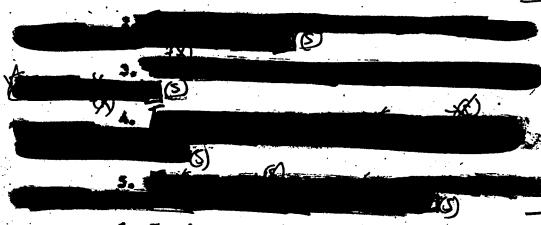
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7. Did source see any of the information furnished by this agent; if so, give full details?

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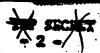
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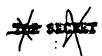
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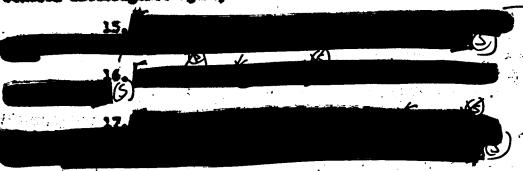
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You are requested to advise the classification to which information furnished by your source is entitled.

It is realized that the questions set forth above are detailed and technical in nature; however, in view of the seriousness of the allegation and the sketchiness of the original information furnished by your source, it is requested that the questions be asked of him insofar as is possible.

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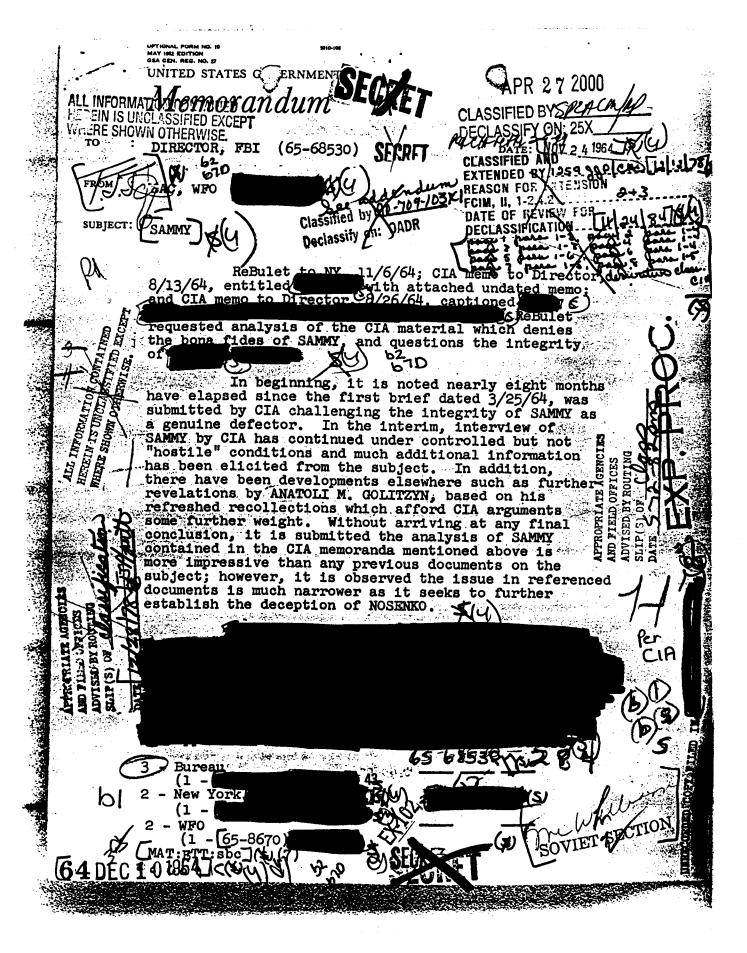
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this investigation. Our observations regarding this possibility have been furnished to CIA previously.

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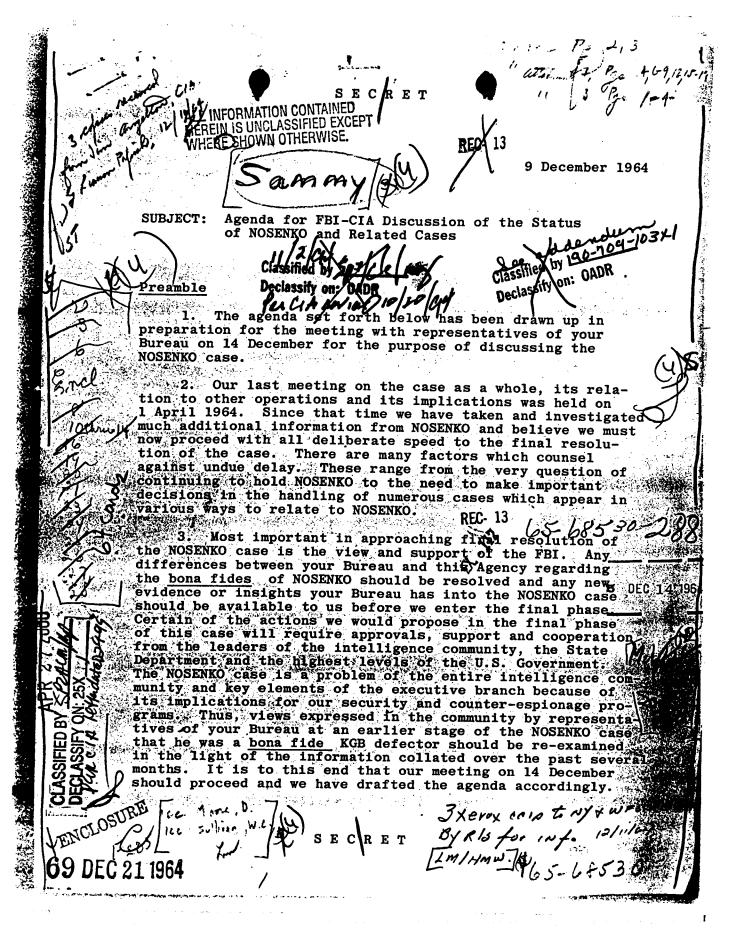
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4. There is attached (Attachment 1) a listing and brief description of the principal documents forwarded to your Bureau on the NOSENKO case and related cases during 1964.

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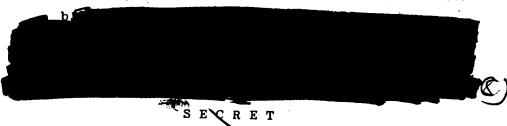
5. After the April 1964 interrogation of NOSENKO, reported in CSCI-3/781,491 of 19 May 1964, we conducted routine, non-hostile questioning of NOSENKO for six months, from mid-May until mid-November 1964. This covered in detail NOSENKO's own operational experience and the organization, personnel, functioning and operational activity of the KGB as known to him.

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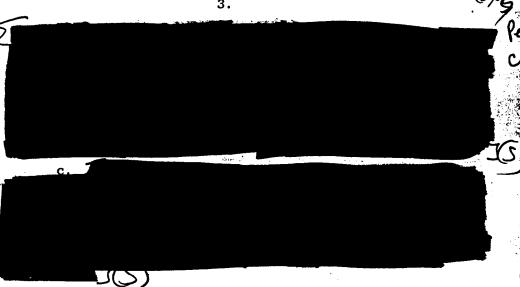
this information we are firmly convinced of the accuracy of our earlier finding that NOSENKO is a KGB provocateur. Working from this fact we have analyzed its many important implications and have reviewed and assessed the bona fides of other sources apparently or possibly connected with NOSENKO.

- 6. Some of the other results of this period of questioning were as follows:
 - a. We have taken from NOSENKO nearly all the real or misleading information he has. In the later interrogation sessions he was clearly drying up, and in fact has throughout the last seven months provided only one or two minor items not already reported. He has not been able to amplify significantly earlier statements.



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d. We have continued to analyze the implications of the NOSENKO affair, in general and in detail. Among the products so far is the analysis of the lead (forwarded with CSCI of 3 December 1964)

e. We have completed a tentative estimate of the real story of NOSENKO's personal background, KGB career and the way this KGB provocation was mounted. See paragraph 8 below.

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7. On 19 November 1964 we terminated the information-gathering "neutral" questioning of NOSENKO. As noted above, he had proven himself unable to provide any new information, or even to add much to earlier reports, and as his production waned he became less cooperative. We are reasonably certain at this point that we have obtained practically all that the KGB gave NOSENKO to establish his bona fides and to insinuate himself into operational collaboration with us. Similarly, we believe that we have gotten as much as we can to add to our personal assessment of NOSENKO, our estimate of his real status and mission and the limits of his KGB brief, and to prepare for a new hostile interrogation.



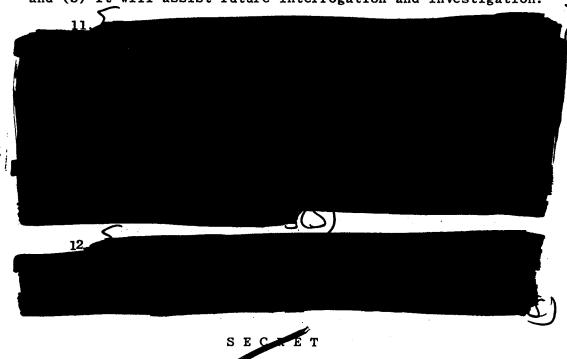


Tentative Conclusions

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- 8. On the basis of the extensive collection and analysis described above and in our earlier reports, we have attained a better understanding of NOSENKO's personal life and professional career, the origins of the provocation, the manner in which it was launched and is presently being directed, its purposes, its implications and its relation to other activity of this Agency and your Bureau.
- 9. Our findings are relevant to the point made by representatives of your Bureau during our 1 April 1964 meeting, to the effect that the KGB would be most reluctant to put into our hands as a defector a staff officer of the rank, access and years of experience claimed by NOSENKO. We fully agree with this and, on the basis of further examination, now believe that NOSENKO did not have the positions in the KGB which he has claimed.

10. We recognize that our estimate is incomplete and cannot be 100% accurate. Nonetheless, we have compiled it in detail and are summarizing it in the paragraph below, because (1) by providing a useful framework for further correction, improvement and amplification, it will assist us to perceive the truth of this matter; (2) it may serve as a basis for achieving an agreed position on the NOSENKO case; and (3) it will assist future interrogation and investigation.



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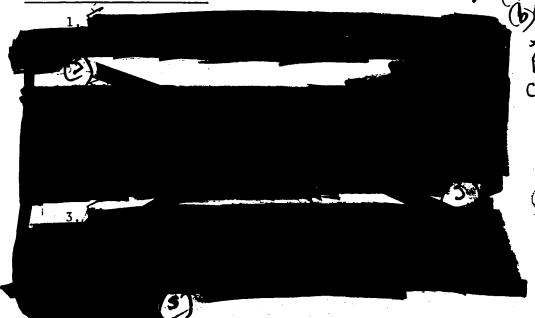
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