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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: YURI NOSENKO
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

DATE: 2/5/64

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DATE OF REVIEW: 3-5-84
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Reference is made to memorandum dated 2/4/64 from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Tolson setting forth information concerning the defection of the subject, reported by CIA to be a KGB official. James Angleton, CIA, furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on 2/4/64. *X u*

CIA had hoped to keep the subject in place for a period of time but the subject insisted that he make the break with the Soviets and specifically asked for asylum. CIA made plans on 2/4/64, to move him to Germany where interrogation will continue. The agency will move him to the U. S. but this may not take place for two or three weeks. *X u*

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Angleton emphasized very strongly that CIA officials still have strong doubts concerning subject's bona fides. Outwardly, he has displayed all the characteristics of a legitimate defector. However, some of his statements conflict with data already in possession of CIA. Since he could be a Soviet plant, CIA feared that the Soviets may have been perpetrating some type of operation designed to embarrass the U. S. Government at the Disarmament Conference in Geneva. This could be done by the Soviets announcing to the world that CIA endeavored to recruit a Soviet member of the delegation. Because of this possibility, McCone decided to brief Dean Rusk on 2/4/64. *X u*

Angleton stated that the subject already has furnished information concerning Americans who were recruited or who were targets for recruitment in Moscow. These Americans would be visitors, tourists, and people attached to our embassy. Angleton hopes to furnish the Liaison Agent all pertinent data received on 2/5/64. *(NOT YET RECEIVED AS OF 9 AM, 2-6-64)*

ACTION: *Keep after [unclear]* *CIA IS EXPEDITING*
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Liaison is following closely and will report information

as received. *u*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lee
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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TO : MR. TOLSON *Classified by [redacted] [DATE: 2/4/64] u*

FROM : A. H. Belmont *Declassify on: OADR* cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Papich

SUBJECT: YURI NOSENKO
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At 12:55 p.m. today James Angleton of CIA called to advise that Yuri Nonsenko, for ten years on the American desk of the Second Chief Directorate, of KGB, in Moscow, has defected to CIA in Switzerland. CIA has him in a safe house. ** u*

Angleton said that Nonsenko is the source of information CIA furnished to us on an individual named [redacted] Nonsenko allegedly has information concerning Americans who have been dealing with the Russians. ** u*

Angleton said that CIA does not regard Nonsenko as a bona fide defector as yet; however, they are going ahead and will handle him as a defector unless they are overruled by higher authorities. In this connection Mr. McCone is advising Secretary Dean Rusk of this development in the next half hour. ** u*

Angleton said that General Carter will furnish further details on this to the executive committee of the US Intelligence Board tomorrow.

ACTION: We are checking our files to see if we have anything on Nonsenko and will maintain close contact with CIA through liaison as to developments in this matter and as to any information Nonsenko might have of pertinence to the Bureau's work and responsibilities.

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TO : MR. SULLIVAN *WCS*

[DATE: 2/6/64] *WCS*

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Branigan
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SUBJECT: YURI NOSENKO
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At the US Intelligence Board meeting on 2/5/64, General Carter of CIA briefly discussed, in executive session, the case of Nosenko. *WCS*

He advised that Nosenko was born 10/30/27, and was a staff officer in the Counterintelligence Directorate of KGB, directed against U.S. citizens; that he was with the disarmament conference for 18 months and first contacted CIA in June, 1962. He has provided data regarding Soviet personalities. *WCS*

Carter said that Nosenko is now a "walk-in" in Switzerland, and is being taken to West Germany. *WCS*

Carter advised that CIA has reservations about the bona fides of Nosenko and CIA is endeavoring to establish such bona fides. *WCS*

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: February 14, 1964

FROM : MR. D. E. MOORE

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. D.E. Moore
 Mr. Branigan
 Liaison - Mr. Papich
 Mr. Turner
 Mr. Lee

SUBJECT: YURI IVANOVICH NOSENKO
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

PURPOSE:

To advise of recent developments in the defection of Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security) agent Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko and CIA's conclusion that he is a Soviet plant.

SUMMARY:

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Nosenko claims to be a Lieutenant Colonel in the Second Directorate of the KGB (Counterintelligence - his job mainly concerned American tourists) and after initially establishing contact with CIA in Switzerland in June, 1962, he returned to the Soviet Union. He returned to Switzerland in January, 1964 - re-established contact and defected to CIA on 2-4. He is now in the U.S. and has agreed to confront Swiss and Soviet officials to assure them his defection was voluntary. During interviews with CIA, he provided voluminous information, including information about various Americans recruited by the Soviets or else concerning whom recruitment was attempted or considered. CIA firmly believes subject is a Soviet plant for various reasons - including the fact

CIA's opinion is that subject's purpose is to furnish information to keep American intelligence agencies busy and keep them away from truly important penetrations the Soviets have in the U.S. government. CIA's conclusions partly influenced by controversial Soviet defector Anatoliy Golitzyn. Preliminary Bureau analysis of 47 items received from Nosenko is that he has furnished correct information.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. We are carefully analyzing information received from Nosenko, are instituting immediate investigations where warranted, will interview Nosenko as soon as practical (during week of 2-17) for complete information and will follow individual cases and entire matter most closely. You will be kept advised of developments.

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YURI IVANOVICH NOSENKO
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CIA's over-all analysis of Nosenko is that he is not sincere,
that he is furnishing information which is of no great damage to the
Soviets and it is being furnished for a definite purpose. (u)

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In further analyzing this information, CIA has pointed out that Golitzyn defected in December, 1961 and he told CIA that because of the great harm his information would be to the KGB we could expect new and revolutionary KGB tactics. Nosenko made contact with CIA in June, 1962, seven months after Golitzyn's defection, then returned to the Soviet Union.

[redacted] Nosenko reappeared in Geneva in January, 1964 and again contacted CIA. (S)

In the meantime, in November, 1963, an American tourist in Moscow was handed a package of documents by A. N. Cherepanov, an employee of International Book, and told to deliver the package to a [redacted] of the U. S. Embassy. (S)

The material when received at the Embassy was considered by State as a definite provocation and was returned to the Soviets after being photographed. The documents related to Soviet coverage of U. S. Embassy personnel in Moscow in the late 50's and 1960. CIA says the information in these documents coincides with information furnished by Nosenko. (S)

Nosenko has also furnished information about this incident and stated that when the material was received by the Soviets from the American Embassy they analyzed it and then started an intensive man hunt to locate Cherepanov who had disappeared after having been tipped off. He was finally located as he was about to flee into Turkey. According to Nosenko, Cherepanov is a former member of the KGB who was let out in 1960. CIA feels this whole thing is a definite fraud. To sum up CIA's position, [redacted] the furnishing of the Cherepanov papers to the U. S. Embassy in Moscow, and Nosenko's defection are part of an over-all plan by the KGB to lead U.S. agencies astray and protect highly important penetrations of the American government. (S)

Analysis of Nosenko's Information Which Has Been Furnished the Bureau by CIA (S)

Since CIA has again been interviewing Nosenko following his re-appearance in Geneva in January, we have as of this morning, 2-14-64, received 47 items from CIA. A preliminary review of this indicates that (S)

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Nosenko is correct in at least a considerable number of his stories for we were already aware of the recruitment, or recruitment attempts, and had full information in our files. In fact, we have operated some of the individuals mentioned by Nosenko against the Soviets in the U.S. after their return to this country. At this very early stage, we have not found any startling information that would appear to be greatly damaging to the Soviets although we have received some information which is new to us and which must be run out. ~~SECRET~~

In many cases it could be presumed the Soviets are aware that we know of the information and therefore are losing nothing. In other cases, it may be that the subjects have refused to cooperate or are no longer of interest and therefore of no future value to the Soviets. In these cases the Soviets could feel they have little to lose and considerable to gain by furnishing the information to us in hopes of building up Nosenko. ~~SECRET~~

Our files are being reviewed concerning the individuals and incidents mentioned by Nosenko and where complete information is not available immediate investigation is being instituted. Each case will be carefully followed and analyzed and the over-all information obtained from Nosenko will also be analyzed in its entirety. ~~SECRET~~

CIA has advised that Nosenko will be available for interview by the Bureau sometime during the week of February 17th and we plan on interviewing him as soon as practicable. He is now being maintained by CIA in a safe house in the Washington area and our interviews will be conducted there. ~~SECRET~~

CIA's Policy Regarding Dissemination ~~SECRET~~

According to CIA representatives, the Director of CIA, Mr. John McCone, has personally advised the President of CIA's serious doubts concerning subject's bona fides. ~~SECRET~~

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They advised it is their current intention to keep these doubts tightly held within the Agency, and they asked that we do so within the Bureau. *Note*

CIA has not disseminated any Nosenko information to any agency other than the Bureau. They have asked that we not disseminate without consultation with them. CIA points out that so much of Nosenko's information comes within the Bureau's jurisdiction that what we develop will be of great importance in eventually determining his bona fides. *4*

Observations re CIA's Analysis *4*

CIA has been the only one dealing with Nosenko and they seem firmly convinced that he is a plant. However, Anatoliy Golitzyn has played a large part in influencing CIA's analysis. While we must recognize CIA's analysis has merit and may be correct, we should let the facts speak for themselves and should obtain whatever information Nosenko has and then conduct a proper investigation, and thereafter come to our own conclusions as to his bona fides. *4*

JP *W.E.S.*

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