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FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATE: OCT 2 9 55 AM '63

SUBJECT: Soviet Diplomat, Valeriy Kostikov

REF: Your A-9, September 10, 1963

The following information is submitted in reply to referenced airgram.

An employee of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City since July 1961, Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV has been Vice Consul there since at least April 1962. In March and again in September of this year he visited Tijuana, Ensenada, and Mexicali, ostensibly for recreational purposes; however, he reportedly met with local representatives of the Movimiento Liberation National and Central Compesina Independiente. There is also evidence that, during the September visit, he may have negotiated the purchase of 20,000 bales of cotton to be shipped from the port of Ensenada to an unknown destination. [redacted]

Kostikov was born in Moscow on March 17, 1933. No information is available concerning his early life and career. However, a Valeriy V. Kostikov, who may or may not be the same as the subject of this report, was a staff member of the N. S. Khrushchev party that visited the United States during September 1959. Kostikov is reported to have a good knowledge of Spanish. He and his wife, Roza Aleksandrovna, have a young daughter, Svetlana.

The Department would appreciate receiving any additional information which may become available to embassies Mexico City or Moscow.

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