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U.S. Asylum For a Russian

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The State Department yesterday allowed Imants Lishinskys, a Latvian-born Russian translator at the United Nations and reported to be a Soviet secret police agent, to remain in the United States with his family.

"Lishinskys is a Soviet employee at the United Nations. He, his wife and daughter have asked to remain in the United States and their wish has been granted," said State Department press officer Kimberly King.

King said the Soviet embassy was informed of the Lishinskys case and that at the Russians request, the department arranged a meeting between Soviet diplomats and the Lishinskys family.

"During that meeting, the Lishinskys reaffirmed their desire to remain in the United States," she said. She did not indicate when or where that meeting took place.

She declined to provide additional details, including whether Lishinskys had requested residence or political asylum in the United States. The State Department, as a matter of policy, does not comment on what it considers intelligence-related matters.

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