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Mysterious Russian Is Visiting U.S.

The State Department disclosed yesterday that it has issued a 30-day visa to Victor Louis, the mysterious Soviet journalist noted for undertaking delicate missions abroad for the Soviet government.

A state department spokesman said that the department was satisfied that Louis had legitimate private business in the United States but declined to say what this business was.

Louis, who last popped up on a trip to Israel in June, may already be in the United

States, the spokesman said.

The Soviet journalist is expected to visit Boston, New York, Palo Alto and Washington. The state department spokesman said he knew of no appointments for Louis with any high U.S. Government officials.

Louis, 43, Russian born of French descent, is accredited in Moscow to write for the London Evening News. He was the first journalist to disclose in October of 1964 the ouster of Khrushchev.

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 article on Louis by Herbert Gold, this file 21 Feb 71
 article by Dusko Doder, this file 25 Jul 71