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1. A trace reply prepared for the FBI in November 1976 indicated that from 1956 until 1961 LEONCV was in Moscow during which time he was reported to have attended the KGB school from 1958 until 1960. From 1960 until 1961 LEONOV was at the Fifth Department of KGB Hqs. A statement was also included which said that during his tours in Mexico LEONOV was consistently active in clandestine support of Latin American revolutionary and subversive activities, particularly relating to Guatemala.

PDSTORAGE: Am of 1976 LEONOV was Chief of Service No. 1
(Information) of KGB Headquarters First (Foreign Intelligence)
pirectorate in Noscow. LEGGOV has been considered for at least
two Ambassadorial posts.

A statement that a reliable defector had identified LEONOV as

a KGB officer was transmitted to the State Department in August 1966

(NOTE: DERY,BIN's iden in September 1964 was inconclusive but could have been misinterpreted.)

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2. LEONOV AAS BOPN 22 AUG 28 IN USSR. HE SERVED IN MEXICO FROM 1953-56 AS INTERPRETER/SECRETARY TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR. (FYI: PER POSTORAGE FROM 56-61 HE ATTENDED KGS SCHOOL AND SERVED ΑT KGB HOS.) DURING 1961-60 LEDGOV HAS THIRD SECRETARY, ASSISTANT CULTURAL OFFICER AT SOVIET EMBASSY, AND FROM 64-66 HE FAS SECOND SECRETARY AND PRESS ATTACHE. DURING HIS TOURS IN MEXICO, LEONOV HAS REPORTEDLY CONSISTENTLY ACTIVE IN THE SUPPORT OF LATI: AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY 43D SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, PARTICULAPLY THOSE RELATED TO GUATEMALE. LAST KNOT " LOCATION OF LEGNOV WAS TRIP TO BOSOTA FROM 27 JUNE TO 3 JULY 1977.

FROM ABOVE DATA IT WOULD SEEM THAT LEMUS MEEN LEDWOV PRIOR TO LEONOV'S KGB TRAILING.

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LEONOV ARRIVED IN BOGOTA ON 27 JUN ABOARD AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 381.
HE HOLDS PASSPORT DK238674, VISA 53. HE IS A RJSSIAN NATIONAL,
AGE 48. MARRIED AND A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT. WILL ADVISE WHEN
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PANAMA AND RETURN TO BOGOTA.

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TO: BOGOTA INFO DIRECTOR.

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- STATION IS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY HIGH SOVIET OFFICIAL
 WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE CURRENTLY VISITING PANAMA. ACCORDING
 TO SENSITIVE SOURCES, THE SOVIET OFFICIAL WAS EXPECTED TO
 VISIT COLOMBIA SOMETIME BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 20+27 JUNE, AND
 FROM THERE TRAVEL ON TO PANAMA.
- 2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO BOGOTA MIGHT HAVE AS TO POSSIBLE IDENTITY THIS SOVIET OFFICIAL.
- 3. FOR HCS: ACCORDING TO HYGRUFF-1, THE THREE SOVIET

 OFFICIALS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 OF PANAMA CITY 41917 ARRIVED

 IN PANAMA ON 28 JUNE ABOARD KLK FLIGHT 779 FROM LISSON. THEIR

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TO: DIRECTOR, PANAMA CITY.

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C. PANAMA CITY REQUESTS BOGOTA STATION ASSISTANCE IN

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: Office of Central Reference/

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ATTN: Karen Davis, USSR Division

FROM : Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: CLEONOV, Nikolay Sergeyevich (U/AIUO)

28 JUL 1977 9 444

 (U/AIUO) Reference is made to your telephonic request dated 19 July 1977 for information concerning Subject.

- (S) Our files show no indication of any connection between Subject and prominent Soviet officials.
- 3. (S) According to a reliable defector source, Nikolay LEONOV was identified as a NGB officer.
- 4. (S) Subject was graduated from the Institute of Foreign Relations in Moscow, at an unknown date. From July 1953 until October 1956 he served as an interpreter and Secretary to the Ambassador at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico. He traveled to Mexico in November 1959 and to Cuba in February 1960 as an interpreter. In July 1961 he returned to Mexico City as Third Secretary and Assistant Cultural Attache at the Embassy and served in this capacity until June 1964. He was assigned there again in October 1964 as Second Secretary and Press Attache. He remained in this position until December 1968. From April 1969 until July 1969 he served temporarily as representative of the Soviet News Agency Novosti in Lima, Peru.

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- L. PHYSICAL DESCRIBED: AS OF LALE TOSLESSED AS DESCRIBED AS THIN WITH A LONG FACE, BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES. BUB HE WAS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL.
- 7. PERSONALITY TRAITS: SUBJECT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS PLEASANT. OUTGOING, INTELLIGENCY, SHREWD, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND RELIABLE. HE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR BUT DISPLAYS A TEMPER AT TIMES.
- A. CURRICULUM VITAE: SUBJECT WAS GRADUATED FROM THE INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN MOSCOW, AT AN UNKNOWN DATE. FROM JULY 1953 UNTIL OCTORBER 1956 HE SERVED AS AN INTERPRETER AND DR SECRETARY TO THE AMBASSADOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXIBAL COLTY. MEXICO. FROM 1956 TO 1961 HE WAS IN MOSCOW DURING BUHICH TIME HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ATTENDED THE SOULD FOR THE COUNTY OF THE SOULD THE SOUL STATE SECURITY (KGB) BFROM 1958 UNTIL 1960/ /FROM 1960 UNTIL 1961 HE WAS AT THE FIFTH DEPARTMENT OF KGB HEATQUARTERS / HE TRAVELED TO MEXICO IN NOVEMBER 1959 AND TWO CUBA IN FEBRUARY 1960 AS AN

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15 October 1976

COVER MEMORANDUM FOR XAE-1251

SUBJECT: Nikolay Sergeyevich Leonov (201-132]39)

SOURCE: Petr Deryabin, a former KGB officer whose information has proven reliable in the past.

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1. The attached report on Leonov was prepared by Deryabin, who knew him personally in Moscow as an officer of the KGB First Chief Directorate.

 A review of Leonov's 201 file indicates that he had been granted a US visa as a member of a Soviet delegation to the United Nations General Assembly scheduled to depart Moscow on 19 September 1976.

Thomas A. Ryan

Attachment: As Stated, XAE-1251

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11 September 1976

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Nikolay Sergeyevich Leonov, KGB Officer and Personal Friend of Fidel Castro of Guba.

1. Soviet magazine <u>Latinskaya Amerika</u>, issue No. 4, for July-August 1976 (pp 127-142) published an article entitled "To Your Health, Fidel!" by N. S. Leonov, who is identified in the article as a "journalist".

On page 138 there is a photograph of Fidel Castro with the author of the article, journalist N. Leonov. In this photograph I definitely recognize

KGB officer Nikolay Sergeyevich Leonov. I knew

(*Cb)

Leonov in Moscow as a KGB officer of the First Chief Directorate

The last time I saw him in KGB Hqs was during the summer of 1953. At that time I did not know in what department of the FCD Leonov worked. (Copy of this photo is enclosed)

- 2. I recognized another photo of Leonov, N.S., in the late 1950s or /the beginning of the 1960s for the Agency or the FBL.
- N. S. Leonov also was recognized by me on the photograph published in the Soviet book Viva Cuba, which was published in Moscow in 1963 or 1964.

 In this photograph Leonov appeared in the company of Khrushchev, Castro and (also known to his presently as a K6B to with officer.)

 Alekseyev (Shitov) Aleksandr Ivanovich, the Soviet Ambassador to Cuba at that time.
- N. S. Leonov also was recognized by me in the photograph published by Golos Rodiny, issue No. 32, for April 1963. In this photograph Leonov's face is shown between Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Castro at Vnukovo Airport on 23 April 1963 when Castro arrived on his visit to the USSR. (Copy of this photograph is enclosed)

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3. In his article, highly praising Fidel Castro, Leonov reviews Castro's life and his accomplishments as a "revolutionary leader". The author revealed that when Castro lived in Mexico, 1955-56, he established contact with Alberto Bayo, former colonel of the Spanish Republican Army, who emigrated to Mexico after the Spanish Civil War, and who became Castro's military instructor". Also, in Mexico Castro was joined by Che Guevara, who became his close friend. The author briefly mentioned that the CIA had planned "a physical liquidation of Fidel Castro".

In 1963 Castro was awarded the title Hero of the Soviet Union.

The article was written in connection with Castro's 50th birthday, which was on 13 August 1976.

The article provided photographs of Castro and some of his associates. The photographs for the article were provided by Novosti press agency, and by the Soviet magazine Kuba, which is published in Russian and in Spanish.

2. Petr Daryabin

CIFA/E Comment: According to information in Leonov's 201, he had applied for a visa as an employee of the MFA to the UNGA, in September 1976.

According to SE/CI/Ext. Leonov is presently chief of Service #1 (Information) of the First Chief Directorate.

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Aliguddin LUBIS. The only material available is that contained in HMMT-14223, 22 December

Suzanne *F&LICIEN. Likeals has previously reported she is in charge of "medical relations and scholarships at the French Esbassy, The The provided by Albert de BONFILS in June 1962 through a casual Station contact. Since we were never in direct touch with him, and owing to the questionable nature of the whole BONYILS background and the lack of any molidity, this information must be accepted with some reserve. "Extreme Communist -- propagandist -- extremely dangerous -- bad influence on scholarship students whom she uses as instruments and contacts-bead of the scholarship service--such favorities is the distribution of scholarships--accepts and demands gifts and money -- obliges certain applicants to take French lessons which she gives and charges for. These lessons are her nethod of indoctrinating them.

Jean-Claude *DUCLAY. A routine nemo from Barbara C. HUFIG, dated 26 November 1984, mentioned subject as having been in charge of the intensive French course taken by combard of the doctoral and the history programs at El Colegio de Moxico. On 23 November 1984 he married Irenef AZNAR, then about 27, who was also teaching in the course and who had been here only since 1963, coming directly from France where she had been a teacher.

Bese and Carol Cook *LIEBERHAN. LIREALS and his wife not Mrs. Lieberman shortly after they arrived here. Bese they not in late January at the Mexican Folklore Association, which they conduct weekly at their home. It is a var of "hootenamy" where both houts and guests It is a variety perform, and occasionally visiting entertainers appear. It is a meager living indeed, with 25 peecs a person being charged, and fortunately they do not have to depend on it, since Carol --Lieberman has a fairly well paying job at The Bern. Beno was described as seathetic-looking undernourished, ill-kempt and very Jewish looking. It was at one of these interested in people. evenings where LikEALM met Mikolay LEONOV (see "te Lieberman's were also reported to have affected a luncheon at the home of Pearl CONTAINT, one of the reporters for The News, at which two officers of the Soviet Embassy were REASONALIST TO PAGE COLUMNICA FROM SPERTERS CARD SUBMITTED

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LIREALM Progress Report 31 October 1965 - 31 April 1966

- The period October 1965 to February 1966 was largely devoted to building a circle of useful contacts in the French colony and intellectual world and getting to know the case officer. When the latter left in early 1966, I was introduced to my present case officer. Past activity was reviewed and ovaluated, targets discussed and objectives clearly defined.
- The following will give some indication of advances made so far against the target objectives laid out in NHMA-28838:
 - a. French Enbassy floor plan. Under various pretexts, numerous visits have been made to the Enbassy. A rough diagram is ready with the occupants of most of the offices identified. Remodeling of the building is in process. Some officers will be transferred from one room to another. The basic structure of the building will not be altered.
 - b. Contacts leading toward the French target.

 Those persons caused below have all been not at least once during April and are deemed to be worthy of further development for their apparent access in the French community. This number represents only a fraction of persons not and virtually discarded for lack of operational presise:
 - (1) Regis Thillays dul Boullay. Est on its several occasions. Press Attache of the French Enhancy, and possibly their Political Section head. Several sources

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describe his as displeased with the present rank at the Embassy. Some bid data is now available, but further development is definitely warranted. He is friendly and approachable. His value lies in (a) his leading to other Embassy officers and providing bid data about them; (b) his being disgruntled and providing information wittingly; (c) his being an intelligence officer.

- (2) Fenri de *Coignac. Met on several occasions. Have made tentative tennis date. Is very close to the Ambassador. The nature of his relationship or the services provided to the Ambassador have to be determined.
- (3) Genevieve Ean Jose. Have seen on several occasions and have established fairly friendly relationship. She is a journalist with the le Journal Francain. Has already been a source of some bie data about Enhancy officers, introduced to some members of French colony, corroborated some information obtained elsewhere.
- (4) Karie Bideault *Lement. Switchboard operator at Embassy. Unmarried, friendly, helpful. Have visited her on various pretexts, now stop by just to say hello. Hope to set her up for another agent to seet and develop.
- (5) Valontine *Nonorat. Secretary to Jacques Seigle, Attache at Enbassy. Elderly, friendly, helpful. Corrected letter I wrote to Anbassador. In return I gave her a box of chocolates for which she seemed genuinely grateful. Offered to help me in future in any way she could.
- (6) Suranne *Felicien. Angistant to Cultural Attache. Seen several times on business. Friendly. Known to mutual friends. Possible source of bio data on other Enhancy personnel. Has invited my wife and me to dinner. This could be our first important break.

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- c. Possibly Significant Contacts. Because of my close friendship with them, their access or their lack of apparent income.
 - Jacques C. *Derney. Private businessen, "Artistic Counselor," lives outside his apparent income, probably homosexual.
 - (2) Jean-Claude * Duclay. Professor at Centre Scientifique. Very friendly. Function of Centre and reason for its enormous staff not clear.
 - (3) Francois and Rosique *Gilliot. Connercial Attache. He is very anti-U.S. She is friendly to my wife.
 - (4) Andre and Norea *Lesur. Close ties with Andre could lead to close friendship. Very prominent in French colony. Wealthy businessman. Possibly willing to collaborate with us wittingly.

d. Mexican Intellectuals

- (1) Beno and Carol Lieberman. Run Mexican
 Folklore Association. Have access to large
 circle of Latin American semi-professional
 susicians and entertainers. Gradually
 obtaining blo data on Beno and his friends.
- (2) Foliciano *Bejar. Prominent artist. Friend of the U.S., but has many friends among the Benican left.
- (3) Eartin *Foley, British national, Manager of Bejar, Technical director of Ballet Folklorico, Brilliant, friend of many Besican artists and intellectuals, left and right.
- (4) Adrian *Leyva Schoonmaker. Professor at Unidad Prof, de Zacatenco. A professed socialist. Brilliant student, introverted and peculiar. Access to leftist circles.

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- f. Indonesia
 - (1) Alimuddin *Lubis. Press and cultural attache. Very friendly. I have not yet followed up.
- g. Soviet
 - (1) Nicolay T. Leonov. Press Attache. Off to a very friendly and casual start socially. Have permitted one month to pass without contacting him in order not to seem overly eager. I feel I can call him next week and proceed cautiously to develop him if sutual interest seems to be there.
- 3. Over the next few months, these contacts will be further refined, in coordination with the case officer. Owing particularly to the variety of French contacts, it should be possible to settle before too long on a handful of fairly productive sources of personality information.

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Monograph of Nikolay Sergeyevich LEONOV

Nikolay Sergeyevich LEONOV, the Soviet official who visited Peru from 23 April 1969 to 17 July 1969 as a representative of the Soviet news agency NOVOSTI, is a long-time, firmly identified KGB officer who served in Mexico during most of the period 1953-1963. Although he was able to function effectively in his overt jobs as Cultural Attache and later Press Attache, he was consistently active in clandestine support of Latin American revolutionary and subversive activities, particularly relating to Guatemala. Following are details of his career.

LECNOV was born 22 August 1928 in Ryagan oblast,
USSR. His wife, Valeriya Ivanovna, was born 28 April
1928 in Ryagan. As of 1968 the LEONOVs had one daughter,
Irina, born in 1962.

LEONOV was first posted to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico in May 1953. His initial position was secretary to the Soviet Ambassador. In addition to administrative duties and cultural matters, LEONOV functioned as a translator and interpreter, since he spoke excellent Spanish.