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SUBJECT

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The attached document, Attachment No. 3 of ²² ~~NEDA~~-2982 of 28 April 1962, indicates at a Lt. Col. PRUSAKOV was attached to the Soviet Embassy in New Delhi, India in 1962. There were no further references to this individual in RID/Main Index. A check will be made in SR.

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Mr. Commander Vladimir V. DIAZ

1. DIAZ encountered Mr. Commander Vladimir Viperovich BYAT' at Col. Curtis' (Army Attache, Embassy, New Delhi) farewell party for Col. Peter Deane, Assistant Army Attache, New Delhi, on 20 April 1956. Although DIAZ had observed BYAT' from a distance as he was departing from the Soviet Consulate, New Delhi after the last POW on 25 March 1956, he had not actually talked with him since a brief conversation on 12 October 1955 at the Soviet Consulate on the occasion of the Soviet National Day celebration.

DIAZ was conversing with Capt. William Benedict, U.S. Army, who is a PAST student attached to the Office of the Embassy's Army Attache. BYAT' who had been talking to an Indonesian, came over and joined DIAZ and Benedict. DIAZ introduced him to Benedict. Conversation centered about the weather in New Delhi and Moscow. Benedict departed and DIAZ inquired about his name and his position. DIAZ and BYAT' then conversed for about half an hour between discussions regarding the Army Service Uniforms and long, etc. Colonels DIAZ and BYAT' of the Soviet Embassy were wandering about in the background but DIAZ did not attempt to come over. Later, BYAT' wife joined him and they conversed for about ten minutes of further conversation concerning various kinds of food and automobiles.

DIAZ

2. DIAZ and his family are going on some leave to the U.S. on 5 May and plans call for them to return to New Delhi about the end of July or early August 1956. DIAZ and his family will fly via Kabul to Pakistan. From there onward, DIAZ plans to proceed by train as he is interested in seeing for the first time this part of the U.S. Actually, DIAZ is annoyed that he cannot return via Europe, a route which to him is more preferable. But, according to him, because of the new air agreement between the U.S. and his government, all Soviet Embassy personnel leaving India for the U.S. from May 1956 onward will have to travel via Kabul. DIAZ hopes to spend the first few weeks of his leave at a beach San resort and the remainder of the time in Moscow.

3. DIAZ has been taking English language lessons locally but stopped them on 1 April 1956 - viz. the advent of his leave, his interest in English has lagged somewhat.

4. DIAZ stated that he was in Norway in 1947 with the Soviet Army. It was here he says that he first tried American cigarettes. He stated also that in 1949 he was in Italy with the Soviet Army. He landed at Naples and while there, took the train to Rome. He was impressed by the "Rapido" (express train, Naples-Rome).

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5. DYAKIN does not like Italian food; dislikes tomato sauces and salads — he refers to salads as "mountain grasses". However, he does like Italian wine.

6. DYAKIN has sold his automobile (1948 Oldsmobile, MA-2504, (D tags).

7. DYAKIN is still smoking Dumaurier cigarettes. According to him, he smokes about fifteen a day.

8. DYAKIN has a brother who is a law graduate and who is employed in the Ministry of Cultural Affairs (in Moscow). This brother is studying the English language on his own initiative.

9. DYAKIN stated that the secretary to the Soviet Naval Attache (who according to the Station files is Lt. Colonel Semenovich SHALVALOV) was recently ill with jaundice.

10. While the conversation was on the subject of automobiles, DYAKIN stated that the Soviet Embassy does not have any Soviet automobile mechanics; that the Embassy has only about 10 or 12 official vehicles.