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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

OSWALD CASE

The attached document, Attachment No. 3 of <sup>22</sup> ~~NEDA~~-2982 of 28 April 1962, indicates that 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.

Case

Document Number

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for FCIA Review on

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APR 28 1962

Mr. Commander Vladimir V. LYAKOV

1. Captain LYAKOV encountered Mr. Commander Vladimir V. LYAKOVICH  
LYAKOV at Col. Curtis' (Army Attache, Embassy, New Delhi) farewell  
party for Col. Peter Long, Assistant Army Attache, New  
Delhi, on 20 April 1956. Although LYAKOV observed LYAKOV from a  
distance as he was emerging from the Soviet embassy, New Delhi after  
the last snow 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.

LYAKOV was conversing with Capt. William Benedict, U.S. Army, who  
is a FROST student attached to the Office of the Embassy's Army Attache.  
LYAKOV, who had been talking to an Indonesian, came over and joined LYAKOV  
and Benedict. LYAKOV introduced him to Benedict. Conversation centered  
about the weather in New Delhi and Moscow. Benedict departed and LYAKOV  
inquired about his name and his position. LYAKOV and LYAKOV then conversed  
for about half an hour between themselves regarding the Army Service  
rules and regulations. Colonels LYAKOV and LYAKOV of the Soviet Embassy  
were wandering about in the background of the Embassy *Now Delhi*  
over. Later, LYAKOV's wife joined him and they for about ten minutes of  
further conversation concerning various kinds of food and automobiles.

2. LYAKOV and his family are going on leave to the USSR on 5 May  
and plans call for them to return to New Delhi about the end of July or early  
August 1956. LYAKOV and his family will fly via Kabul to Moscow. From  
there onward, LYAKOV plans to proceed by train as he is interested in seeing  
for the first time this part of the USSR. Actually, LYAKOV is anxious 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 USSR and his  
government, all Soviet Embassy personnel leaving India for the USSR from  
May 1956 onward will have to travel via Kabul. LYAKOV hopes to spend the  
first few weeks of his leave at a Black Sea resort and the remainder of  
the time in Moscow.

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

6. DZANKIN has sold his automobile (1948 Oldsmobile, 1A-2504, (D tags).

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

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

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