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REFERENCES (S)(U)

Report of SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER, dated 12/23/59,
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Report of SA ROBERT J. WIRTH, dated 2/12/60,
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ADMINISTRATIVE (S)(U)

In connection with the subject's association with ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN (NY T-5), attention is called to the fact that NY has opened a 134 case on this individual. By means of NY letter to Director, 2/17/60, captioned, "ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN, aka; IS-R", the results of the initial interviews with Miss EPSTEIN were submitted, and because of her cooperative attitude, authority was requested to develop her as an informant or double agent. If this

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authority is granted and upon [KOVALEV's return to this country,] efforts will be made to place Miss EPSTEIN in contact with the subject, even though she has stated that he is a "wolf" and she does not like him personally. (S)

In connection with the subject's contact with [redacted] attention is called to the fact that NY has opened a 134 case on [redacted]. Bureau permission has been received to conduct a "follow up" interview of [redacted] for the purpose of attempting to develop him as a PSI. [redacted] is currently working temporarily in Miami, Florida, but will be interviewed immediately upon his return to the NYC area. If he proves to be cooperative and [upon KOVALEV's return to the US,] attempts will be made to place [redacted] in contact with the subject. (S)

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Concerning the party at which [redacted] first met the subject, it is believed that LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS is identical with the subject of New Haven file 100-12339, Bufile 100-363343 and NY file 100-103066, who is an SI subject of the New Haven Office. (S)

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Further in regard to this matter, [redacted] advised that he was unable to further identify the "producer" or the four "beatniks" who attended the party at LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS' apartment. He added that he was not familiar with the circumstances of how LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS originally [met KOVALEV and KIRILYUK or the extent of her association with these Soviets.] However, he advised that should he obtain additional information concerning these matters, he would immediately notify the NYO. (S)

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Inasmuch as subject is currently [out of the US on home leave] and all outstanding leads have been covered, this case is being placed in a closed status. [Upon KOVALEV's return to this country, this case will be reopened and NY will continue its investigation of KOVALEV as a "Known Soviet Intelligence Agent" pursuant to Section 105K of the Manual of Instructions] (S)

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✓ NY T-3 (S) NY [2620-S] (S)(u)	105-27649-346 Pages 5 and 6
✓ NY T-4 (S) BS [789-S] (S)(u)	105-27651-197 and 219
✓ NY T-5 ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN 3871 Sedgwick Avenue Bronx, New York (By request)	105-27651-261
✓ NY T-6 [REDACTED] 1975 Country Road Westbury, Long Island New York (By request)	105-27651-253
✓ NY T-7 NICK CINALLI Auditing Department Chemical Bank New York Trust Company NYC (By request)	[105-27651-252] (S) Page 17 and Instant Report Page 8 & 9 (Furnished to SA ROBERT S. BARNHART)
✓ NY T-8 PETER J. CELIBERTI Assistant Manager Socony Mobil Oil Company 50 West 44th Street NYC (By request)	Instant Report Page 9 (Furnished to SA JOHN G. DALTON)

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Report of: SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER (u)
Date: 2/29/60 (u)

Office: New York, New York (u)

File Number: New York (105-27651) (S)

Bureau (105-64470) (S)

Title: LEONID AFANASIEVICH KOVALEV (S)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R (u)

Synopsis: (KOVALEV arrived in US with family) on 11/20/57; (S)
(departed) on 12/2/59 (on home leave) and is expected to (S)
return on approximately 3/20/60. At time of departure (S)
from US, KOVALEVs resided at (40 W. 84th) Street, but (S)
plan to obtain an East Side apartment upon return to (S)
this country. Prior to (departure from US, KOVALEV) (S)
signed new (3) year contract at UN Secretariat and (S)
received promotion to (grade P-3.) On 2 occasions in (S)
past, (KOVALEV) observed in vicinity of meeting places (S)
between (Soviet VADIM A. KIRILYUK) and NY T-4. Information (S)
re (KOVALEV's) contacts and associates and data re his (S)
banking activities reported (S)

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[DETAILS:] (S)(u)

[I. BACKGROUND] (S)(u)

[A. (Arrival And Departure) Data] (S)

Records, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, reflect that Soviet national LEONID KOVALEV arrived in the United States on November 20, 1957, accompanied by his wife, RIMMA KOVALEVA, and their son, DMITRI. (S)(S)

On December 3, 1959, NY T-1 reported that the KOVALEVS departed the United States on December 2, 1959, from New York International Airport aboard Sabena Belgian World Airlines flight number 546 en route to the USSR on home leave. (S)

On January 5, 1960, NY T-2 reported that he had not heard from the KOVALEVS since their departure from the United States on home leave. However, informant pointed out that he had recently been in contact with Soviet YURIY A. MISHUKOV, with whom the KOVALEVS resided prior to their leaving the United States. MISHUKOV told the informant that he had recently heard from LEONID KOVALEV, and that both LEONID's and RIMMA's mothers were recovering from their respective illnesses. (S)

Attention is called to the fact that NY T-2 had previously reported that it was due to the fact that both LEONID's and RIMMA's mothers were ill that resulted in the KOVALEVS taking home leave in December, 1959 rather than in May, 1960 as regularly scheduled. Informant further previously reported that the KOVALEVS were planning to return to the United States on approximately March 20, 1960. (S)

(Soviet YURIY A. MISHUKOV) is currently employed as a Translator at the United Nations (UN) Secretariat. (S)

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NY T-3 has reported that [MISHUKOV has engaged in (S) intelligence activities] in the past. (S)

[B. Residence Data] (S)(u)

On December 2, 1959, NY T-2 reported that when [LEONID KOVALEV and his family return to the United States] in (S) March, 1960, [from home leave] they do not intend to return (S) to their former residence at [40 West 84th] Street, Apartment (S) 9C. Rather, according to the informant, they plan to get (S) an apartment some place on the East Side of Manhattan. (S)

[C. EMPLOYMENT DATA] (S)(u)

On December 2, 1959, NY T-2 advised that [KOVALEV] (S) had recently signed a new [3] year contract as a Translator at the UN Secretariat. (S)

Subsequently on January 5, 1960, this informant reported that [KOVALEV] had been promoted to [grade P-3] in (S) the [Translation Section of the UN Secretariat] (S)

[X] (S) [VII POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE] (S) [X] (S) [SOVIET INTELLIGENCE] MOVEMENT [X] (S)

On August 21, 1959 and again on September 18, 1959, [Soviet LEONID A. KOVALEV] was observed by Special Agents of (S) the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the company of [Soviet national VADIM A. KIRILYUK in Springfield, Massachusetts.] (S) They were observed at the times and in places which had previously been set up for scheduled meetings between [KIRILYUK] (S) and NY T-4. (S)

Previously on August 10, 1959, NY T-4 had reported that, during a [meeting between himself and a Soviet national] (S) known only to him as ["GEORGE"] which [meeting] occurred on (S) August 9, 1959, [the Soviet instructed] the informant that (S) [their next meeting] would take place at 4:00 pm on August 21, (S) 1959, in front of the [Poli Theatre in Springfield, Massachusetts.] (S) ["GEORGE" further instructed] NY T-4 to prepare a notebook (S) [containing descriptions and diagrams of those cryptographic] (S) machines and systems familiar to the informant and to bring this notebook to their August 21, 1959 meeting. (S)

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Subsequently on August 13, 1959 NY T-4 positively identified a photograph of Soviet VADIM A. KIRILYUK as being identical with "GEORGE" (S) (S)

On September 2, 1959, NY T-4 reported that during his meeting with KIRILYUK on August 28, 1959, the Soviet designated their next meeting place as the Paramount Theatre, Springfield, Massachusetts, at 4:00 pm on September 18, 1959. Also during their August 28 meeting KIRILYUK instructed NY T-4 to complete the notebook pertaining to cryptographic machines and systems and to bring this notebook to their September 18, 1959 meeting. Still further, KIRILYUK told the informant that the Soviets wanted him (NY T-4) to visit Washington, D.C. in the near future in an effort to obtain employment with the National Security Agency. (S) (S)

Soviet national VADIM A. KIRILYUK was employed as a Political Affairs Officer at the UN Secretariat up until his departure from the United States on January 10, 1960 (S) (S)

Records, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflect that on December 17, 1959, a representative of the United States Mission to the UN, at the request of the State Department, discussed KIRILYUK's intelligence activities in connection with NY T-4 with the Secretary General of the UN, DAG HAMMARSKJOLD. Following this discussion, the Secretary General stated that it appeared obvious that Soviet KIRILYUK had abused his privilege of residence in the United States. HAMMARSKJOLD advised the United States Mission to the UN that he would take immediate action to assure that this Soviet departed from the United States. (S) (S)

Records, INS, New York City, reflect that KIRILYUK, accompanied by his wife, departed the United States on January 10, 1960, from New York International Airport aboard Scandinavian Airlines System flight number 914. (S) (S)

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[III. CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES] (S) (u)

[A. With NY T-5] (S) (u)

On January 21, 1960, and January 28, 1960, NY T-5 furnished the New York Office of the FBI with the details surrounding his meeting and subsequent contacts with several Soviet nationals whom he met while an instructor at the Berlitz School of Languages, Rockefeller Center, New York City. One of these Soviets was identified by NY T-5 as UN Translator LEONID KOVALEV, and informant furnished the following information about this Soviet: (S)

Informant first met KOVALEV at a party given in June, 1958, by [redacted], another instructor at the Berlitz School of Languages. According to NY T-5 KOVALEV had showed up at the party in place of Soviet BORIS S. IVANOV, who was unable to attend. (S)

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Concerning this June, 1958 party, informant advised that he did not associate to any great extent with KOVALEV but noticed that KOVALEV was quite friendly with DENNIS HARBER, still another Berlitz teacher. (S)

NY T-5's next contact with KOVALEV was when he invited the Soviet to attend a party given in either August or September, 1958, by the informant. When NY T-5 contacted KOVALEV to invite him to the party, he suggested to the Soviet that he bring some of his friends. When KOVALEV arrived at the party he was accompanied by 2 other Soviets, YURIY A. MISHUKOV and BORIS (LNU). Again informant advised that he spent little time with KOVALEV at this party. (S)

Informant's next contact with KOVALEV came in July, 1959. He and [redacted] attended the Russian Festival of Music and Dance at Madison Square Garden. While there they ran into KOVALEV and Soviet national IVAN Y. FEDORCHENKO. (S)

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Also in July, 1959, informant and [redacted], while visiting the Soviet Trade Fair being held at the Coliseum (NYC), encountered and spoke briefly to KOVALEV and YURIY A. MISHUKOV. (S)

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NY T-5's last contact with [KOVALEV] (S) occurred in October, 1959. Informant and [redacted] contacted [KOVALEV] at the UN for the purpose of soliciting his aid in setting up a business whereby they would teach English to various UN Delegates and employees. (S) According to the informant [KOVALEV] (S) stated that he was unable to help in this matter. (S)

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Prior to his departure from the United States on September 28, 1959, Soviet BORIS S. IVANOV was employed as a Counselor with the Soviet Delegation to the UN. (S)

According to YURI A. RASTVOROV, former Soviet Intelligence Officer, IVANOV has engaged in intelligence activities in the past. (S)

Soviet IVAN Y. FEDORCHENKO, prior to his departure from the United States on January 27, 1960, was employed as First Secretary with the Soviet Delegation to the UN. (S)

[B. With NY T-6] (S)(u)

On December 21, 1959, NY T-6 furnished the following information about his initial meeting in June, 1959 with 2 Soviet nationals in the New York City area. (S)

Informant had returned to New York City in June, 1959 from an out of town engagement as a pianist. Being interested in contacting a friend, ROSSER EVANS, and knowing that EVANS often used the apartment of former entertainer, LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS as his headquarters when in New York City, NY T-6 proceeded to Mrs. REYNOLDS' apartment at 121 East 61st Street. (S)(u)

Upon arriving at the REYNOLDS' apartment, informant learned that ROSSER EVANS was not there, but was invited by LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS to join a dinner party which was in progress. Besides himself and Mrs. REYNOLDS, informant advised that the party guests consisted of 2 Soviet nationals, an unidentified "producer" and 4 "beatniks". (S)

The 4 "beatniks", whose names informant never learned, were introduced to him as the authors of the book entitled, "The Beat Generation." (S)(u)

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NY T-6 described [the 2 Soviets] as being in their [S] early 30's. Both indicated that they were attached to either the [Soviet Embassy or the Soviet Delegation to the UN] One of [S] them introduced himself as ((FNU) KOVALEV,) while the other [S] did not divulge his name. (S)

Subsequently during the December 21, 1959, interview NY T-6 positively identified a photograph of [Soviet LEONID (S) AFANASIEVICH KOVALEV as (FNU) KOVALEV,] whom he had met at the party. Informant further positively identified a photograph of [VADIM ALEXANDROVICH KIRILYUK] as the other [Soviet national] (S) he met at the REYNOLDS' apartment. (S)

Concerning his association with [the 2 Soviets] at the [S] party, informant advised that the affair lasted from 7:30 pm until approximately 10:30 pm. Most of the evening was taken up by an argumentive discussion between [the 2 Soviets] and the 4 "beatniks". According to NY T-6, [the Soviets and the "beatniks" did not get along very well together and KOVALEV and KIRILYUK] were very critical of the attitude expressed by the "beatniks" concerning their obligations to the society in which they live. (S)

However, informant pointed out that during the evening he spent quite some time talking to [the 2 Soviets.] (S) Most of this time was spent discussing the responsibilities of citizens to their governments in this and other countries. Also they spent some time discussing the situation in [Red China.] (S)

NY T-6 pointed out that during the discussions which he had with [KOVALEV and KIRILYUK] at the party, he let [S] the Soviet] know that he was a Roman Catholic by religion and was not sympathetic with [the Communist] Movement. [S] However, neither of [the Soviets] appeared to be in any way [S] offended by the informant's declarations along this line. (S)

At the conclusion of the party, [KIRILYUK] offered [S] to drive the informant to the International Restuarant in New York City, where NY T-6 was working as a pianist. Informant accepted the invitation, but pointed out that during the drive they discussed purely social topics. (S)

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NY T-6 concluded by advising that during the party given by LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS, [Soviet KOVALEV] gave (S) him a telephone number and suggested that they get together in the near future. However, informant pointed out that he had not had the occasion to call [KOVALEV] since the party and (S) advised that neither [of the Soviets] had contacted him. (S)

[IV. BANKING ACCOUNT DATA] (S)(u)

[A. Former] (S)(u)

On December 1, 1959, NY T-7 reported that a check for \$38.25, which had been issued on November 18, 1959 to the Banner Van and Storage Company, was drawn against the checking account maintained by [Soviet LEONID KOVALEV] at the [UN Branch] of the Chemical Bank, New York Trust Company. (S)

On February 11, 1960, Mr. FRANK KURRAT, one of the owners of the Banner Van and Storage Company, 335 East 46th Street, New York City, reviewed his records and advised SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER that the \$38.25 check issued to his company on November 18, 1959 by [Soviet LEONID KOVALEV] was for crating and otherwise preparing a carton of personal effects for shipment to Moscow, U.S.S.R. KURRAT further advised that he recalled the transaction and pointed out that [KOVALEV] delivered the carton to Banner Van and Storage personally. He added that the carton was already packed and as a result, all that Banner Van and Storage had to do was to pack the carton in a wooden crate, seal it with metal bands and deliver it to the Swedish American Steamship Line for shipment to the Soviet Union. (S)

[B. Current] (S)(u)

On December 31, 1959, NY T-7 reported that the below described checks, which were issued on [KOVALEV's] checking account, had cleared the [UN Branch] of the Chemical Bank, New York Trust Company during the month of December, 1959: (S)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/21/59	Socony Mobil Oil Company	\$28.32
11/27/59	Socony Mobil Oil Company	13.36

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The foregoing information furnished by NY T-7 can not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Furthermore, NY T-7 is no longer in possession of the basic documents from which this information was obtained, and therefore, will be unable to testify regarding this data. (S) (u)

Concerning the \$28.32 check issued on November 21, 1959 and the \$13.36 check issued on November 27, 1959, both to the Socony Mobil Oil Company, attention is called to the fact that on December 23, 1959, NY T-8 identified Soviet national LEONID KOVALEV as the holder of Socony Mobil Credit Card number 8314309777 (S)

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(S) Re: Leonid Afanasievich Kovalev (S)
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Characterized below are the sources utilized in the report of Special Agent Franklin B. Teeter, dated and captioned as above, at New York:

NY T-1, NY T-2, NY T-3, NY T-4, NY T-7 and NY T-8 are informants who have furnished reliable information in the past. (S)(u)

NY T-5 and NY T-6 are informants, contact with whom to date has been insufficient to ascertain the reliability of the information furnished. (S)(u)

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