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Washington, D. C.



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BY DEPARTMENT SEVEN COMMITTEE (DAG)
DATE: 2-12-86-67

Re: PRISCILLA POST JOHNSON

Confidential Informant T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised that the subject, a United States citizen, born on July 19, 1928, at Glen Cove, New York, and holding Passport number 664545, issued at Washington, D. C., on May 24, 1953, took steps in London to obtain a visa to visit the Soviet Union. According to T-1, subject described herself as an amateur journalist and as of December, 1955, was temporarily residing at the Curzon Hotel, Clarges Street, London, W. 1

T-l said it was not known to him whether subject's efforts to obtain a Russian Visa were successful.

The records of the Passport Section, American Embassy, London, indicate that on September 28, 1955, subject requested her passport be validated for travel to Russia. During her interview, subject stated she received a B.A. Degree at Bryn Mawr in 1950, and an M.A. at Harvard in 1953. She claimed to have done research for Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY of Massachusetts; had worked for the "Current Digest of the Soviet Press," 405 West 117th Street, New York City, from the spring of 1953 to the fall of 1954; and was in the Research Department of "Colliers Magazine" in the spring of 1955. She claimed membership in the World Student Federalists, whose purpose, according to her, was to expand and strengthen the United Nations, and ultimately, to form a World Government.

On September 27, 1955, subject wrote to the Embassy to say that, as a Student of Soviet Law, her purposes in applying for a Soviet Visa were to talk with legal experts, to attend court cases, and to visit classes at Moscow University. She further stated that as an amateur journalist she hoped to cover a story, previously unreported in the West, and also trace the case histories of one or more of the soldiers formerly stationed in Austria who were then being demobilized. She identified her newspaper outlet as the North American Newspaper Alliance, 229 West 43rd Street, New York City.

On October 21, 1955, the Department of State authorized the Embassy to validate subject's passport for travel to Russia providing Soviet permission to enter that country was granted. On November 17, 1955, subject presented a letter from the Russian Embassy, London, which notified her that her visa to Russia had been received. Thereafter, on November 22, 1955, her passport was validated for travel to Russia.

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SOURCE T-1: Mr. K. TOLSON, MI-5

THE LONDON OFFICE

#### AT LONDON, ENGLAND

Will report results of recheck with MI-5 to ascertain whether subject is still in United Kingdom or what is known about her travel plans. (5)

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