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DETAILS:

Chicago T-1, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, on October 26, 1960, furnished the following information regarding contacts between [VLADISLAV CS] MIKHAILOVICH ABARCHALINE and REMBERT CAVEN ALLEY at Copenhagen, Denmark. (S)(u)

Chicago T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised on February 24, 1960, that he considers ABARCHALINE, a clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Copenhagen, probably a cadre worker of the KGB (Soviet Intelligence) Residency in Copenhagen, Denmark. Source advised ABARCHALINE maintains close contact with VLADIMIR ALEXANDROVITCH TCHOURLANOV who has been identified as a KGB Officer. ABARCHALINE has been in Denmark since 1958 and has recently made conspicuous efforts to establish contacts with American students in Copenhagen. (S)(u)

Chicago T-1 stated that on October 29, 1959, [ABARCHALINE CS] met ALLEY at the Townhall Square in Copenhagen after which they went to a restaurant and later to a theater. (S)(u)

Chicago T-1 further advised that ALLEY appeared to have been the individual who arranged for [ABARCHALINE CS] to meet MARVIN KANTOR inasmuch as ALLEY indicated to [ABARCHALINE CS] on November 5, 1959, that he would introduce the latter to KANTOR that evening. It was believed that on that evening ALLEY and [ABARCHALINE CS] walked together to KANTOR'S address but failed to see him. (S)(u)

Chicago T-1 furnished the following information on April 16, 1959: (S)(u)

According to the United States Consul in Copenhagen, MARVIN KANTOR recently visited the Consulate to have his passport renewed. The Consular clerk noted an unspecified number of visas and entry and exit stamps for Iron Curtain countries. She commented that subject appeared to have done a lot of travelling in Eastern Europe, to which he replied, "Yes, that aids my studies." The clerk then asked KANTOR if he would like to register with the United States Consulate, after which he inquired, "What does that involve?" The clerk explained that it provided a means of contact in the event someone in the United States wished to reach him or should the Embassy wish to provide him information which would be in his interest as a United States citizen. According to the clerk, KANTOR very definitely indicated his lack of desire to be registered in the Consulate. He explained to the clerk that he was studying at the University on the G.I. Bill and that he had recently been back in the United States on a visit. (S)(u)

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Chicago T-1 advised that a reliable source furnished the following information: (S)

KANTOR carries United States Passport Number 439313 and originally arrived in Denmark on July 26, 1957. Information available to this source indicates that KANTOR'S father, IRVING KANTOR, and mother, SARAH, nee BRODSKI, immigrated to the United States from the USSR approximately 36 years ago. KANTOR is enrolled at the University of Copenhagen, specializing in Slavic languages and appears to be working toward a Masters Degree (magistereksamen). The completion of work leading to this degree ordinarily requires five years. (S)(u)

KANTOR claims to receive a stipendium from the United States for three years amounting to \$110 per month. When this stipendium expires, KANTOR expects his father to support him financially. On one occasion he stated that he had been home for the Christmas holidays from November 25, 1958, to January 30, 1959. He has also stated that he plans to travel to Germany to purchase an automobile, and that from May 31, 1958, to July 9, 1958, he participated in a study trip to Moscow. He has also stated that, if his progress in the Russian language continues, he intends to visit Moscow again for a period of five or six months. (S)(u)

A professor at the University has described KANTOR as "very diligent." KANTOR rents a room which costs him DKR 95 per month, and he eats in an off-campus restaurant which is known for its cheap but sizeable servings of food. It is estimated that subject could cover his food and housing for less than DKR 500 per month; however, this would not leave much left of the \$110 for trips to Moscow and the United States, or the purchase of an automobile. (S)(u)

MARVIN KANTOR, born May 9, 1934, departed from Denmark on May 28, 1959, via the Fedser-Marnemunde Ferry. Marnemunde is located in East Germany. (S)(u)

Chicago T-1 stated that on the evening of November 16, 1959, [ABARCHALINE] was observed entering a local restaurant with [S] ALLEY and KANTOR. In the restaurant they joined two unidentified individuals of Oriental appearance at one of the tables. It appeared that all members of the group knew each other as they immediately entered into a rather animated conversation. They looked at some papers or magazines one of which bore the title "Soviet Film." Later in the evening, KANTOR left the restaurant alone carrying a newspaper or magazine. ALLEY and [ABARCHALINE] (S) departed soon after KANTOR and ALLEY returned alone to his residence a short time later. (S)(u)

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Chicago T-2 on November 21, 1960, furnished the following information regarding ALLEY'S meetings with [ABARCHALINE] (S) which is substantially the same as that furnished by Chicago T-1 but more detailed. (S)

On October 29, 1959, [ABARCHALINE] contacted REMBERT CAVEN (S) ALLEY, JR. and made an appointment to meet him that evening. (S) [ABARCHALINE] indicated that they would go to "a quiet spot" where where they might talk in peace. These two individuals met at the Town Hall Square in Copenhagen shortly before 8:00 p.m. on October 29, 1959. [ABARCHALINE] was carrying two books and a (S) periodical. They proceeded to a small cafe and while there it (S) was apparent that [ABARCHALINE] gave ALLEY the books and the periodicals. (S)

Chicago T-2 further advised that on November 5, 1959, (S) [ABARCHALINE] and ALLEY agreed to meet again and ALLEY indicated he would bring "MARVIN" with him. According to Chicago T-2, "MARVIN" is MARVIN KANTOR. This meeting was held at approximately 8:00 p.m. on November 5, at which time, [ABARCHALINE] had a book with him. The (S) three, [ABARCHALINE], ALLEY and KANTOR, then went to KANTOR'S lodgings. (S) Shortly thereafter, ALLEY and [ABARCHALINE] went to a restaurant, (S) after which they proceeded toward ALLEY'S home. When these two departed, [ABARCHALINE] was no longer carrying the book and it was (S) apparent to Chicago T-2 that he had given it to ALLEY. (S)

On November 16, 1959, [ABARCHALINE] again met ALLEY and (S) KANTOR in a restaurant in Copenhagen. In the restaurant, the three of them conversed with two unknown individuals. Later in the evening, [ABARCHALINE] and ALLEY left the restaurant together. (S) ALLEY was carrying a newspaper at the time. One of the unidentified individuals was later determined to be MORRAY BROWN, a United States citizen, born March 23, 1934, in New York. The other individual was later identified as AHMED EL BADAWI MOHAMED ABDEL-SALOM, an Egyptian National, born August 30, 1932, in Egypt. (S)

REMBERT CAVEN/ALLEY, JR., 1415 Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAS LOREN G. ADAMS and RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM on March 28, 1961, and furnished the following information:

From July 3, 1959, until July 19, 1960, he was engaged in travelling and sightseeing in Europe. During the same period he was employed for several months by Danish architectural firms in Copenhagen, Denmark. He furnished the following account of these travels:

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ALLEY stated that he had no permanent travel companion during this period of travel although occasionally he would be with someone for a day or a few hours at a time. He stopped whenever possible at youth hostels and accomplished this travel at an expenditure of approximately \$2,000 plus whatever he had earned while employed at Copenhagen.

ALLEY advised that while in Copenhagen, Denmark, in September or October, 1959, he met a person whose first name was [LADISLAV] (phonetic) and whose last name he could not recall. He said this person was a clerical employee of the Soviet Embassy in Copenhagen at the time of this first meeting. ALLEY recalled hearing later that [LADISLAV] had been elevated to the position of translator. ALLEY described [LADISLAV] as follows:

Age	30 to 35
Height	5' 10"
Weight	190 to 200
Build	Stocky
Hair	Light brown, balding and combed straight back
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Marital Status	Married

ALLEY said that each Thursday night in Copenhagen there was a social gathering at the pavilion on the canal and the main street of Copenhagen. He was not aware of the sponsors of these functions but described them as the place where American and foreign students and others came to meet Danish girls.

He recalled that it was at one of these functions that he was introduced to [LADISLAV]. He could not recall exactly the circumstances surrounding his first meeting and felt that he might have been sitting with some of his acquaintances when [LADISLAV] approached them with the introduction following.

ALLEY stated that he had heard of this Soviet individual prior to the first meeting and had also heard that [LADISLAV] was a very friendly individual who associated frequently with the American students. ALLEY said that he had also met MARVIN KANTOR, American student of Russian Ancestry and who was acquainted with [LADISLAV] and felt that he may have heard about [LADISLAV] from KANTOR. He said it was possible also that MARTIN KANTOR had introduced him to [LADISLAV] on the occasion of their first meeting. ALLEY added that he felt KANTOR associated with [LADISLAV] so as to practice speaking Russian. He did not feel that KANTOR was sympathetic to the Communist form of

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government but only that he felt a strong tie to Russia because of his ancestry. (S)(u)

ALLEY said that he met [LADISLAV] between six and ten [S] times following the first meeting and between September and October, 1959, and January, 1960. He believed most of these meetings were in either September or October, 1959, and November, 1959. ALLEY also believed that most of these meetings with [LADISLAV] [S] were at the same pavilion on Thursday nights. He recalled that there were usually others present on the occasions of these meetings but stated that on one occasion he and [LADISLAV] had attended a [S] movie. (S)(u)

ALLEY stated that in his opinion [LADISLAV'S] primary [S] interest was in promoting himself in the [Russian diplomatic [S] service] and his association with Americans and American students was to practice English conversation. He said he had never engaged in any discussion of political matters or political theory with [LADISLAV]. (S)(u)

ALLEY recalled that they had discussed their respective countries, their backgrounds and the backgrounds of their families. He remembered that [LADISLAV] had stated that his own father had [S] been one of the original [Russian revolutionists] and that he was [S] at that time dying of cancer and living on the farm of the [Russian [S] author [TOLSTOY]. (S)(u)

ALLEY said that [LADISLAV] was a very friendly individual, [S] a good conversationalist and excellent company. He said he certainly did not suspect that [LADISLAV] had any other [S] purpose than to converse in English and to seek companionship. (S)(u)

ALLEY said that to the best of his recollection [LADISLAV] had never asked him any questions concerning his work [S] in Copenhagen. He reiterated that he felt [LADISLAV'S] interest [S] if it could be described as such, in him was merely for conversation and companionship. ALLEY has not heard from [S] [LADISLAV] since his return to the United States but said he would feel honored if he should hear from [LADISLAV]. (S)(u)

REMBERT CAVEN ALLEY, JR., 1415 Hudson Avenue, Chicago, was recontacted by SAs ADAMS and NACHTSHEIM on June 6, 1961, and furnished the following information:

ALLEY had tried to recall the circumstances surrounding his first meeting with the individual he knew as [LADISLAV] [S] (phonetic), an employee of the [Soviet Embassy] at Copenhagen, [S] Denmark. (S)(u)

He said that to the best of his recollection he was (S)(u)

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introduced to [LADISLAV] by one of the persons whom he had met at [S] Copenhagen. He could not be definite but was reasonably sure that MARVIN KANTOR was the person who arranged this introduction. ALLEY was sure that his first meeting with [LADISLAV] occurred at [S] the Thursday night social gathering held at the pavilion on the main street of Copenhagen in September or October, 1959. ~~(S)(u)~~

ALLEY explained that the reason that he could not be more definite regarding the date of the first meeting with [LADISLAV] [S] was because he attended this social gathering practically every Thursday night during his stay in Copenhagen. ~~(S)(u)~~

Concerning MARVIN KANTOR, ALLEY said that he had probably met KANTOR in the pavilion in Copenhagen. KANTOR, a United States citizen who is of Russian ancestry, had expressed interest in [LADISLAV] as it afforded KANTOR an opportunity to [S] develop his proficiency in speaking the Russian language. ALLEY said that at no time had he ever heard KANTOR discuss politics with [LADISLAV] nor had he detected any indication that [S] KANTOR might be sympathetic toward the Soviet form of government. ~~(S)(u)~~

ALLEY said he had heard of [LADISLAV] prior to their [S] first meeting. He said that he wanted to meet [LADISLAV] and [S] explained that his only motivation in this respect was one of curiosity. He said he just wanted to be able to say "that he had met [S] a Russian". ~~(S)(u)~~

ALLEY was asked whether all subsequent meetings occurred in the pavilion. To this he replied that on only one occasion that he could recall had [LADISLAV] called him by telephone. He [S] said that on that occasion [LADISLAV] had requested that ALLEY [S] accompany him to a movie that evening. ALLEY said that later [S] that evening he met [LADISLAV] and accompanied him to the movie. ~~(S)(u)~~

ALLEY said he believed all other meetings occurred at the pavilion. He recalled that on one other occasion, MARVIN KANTOR, [LADISLAV] two or three other individuals whose names [S] he cannot recall, and himself had gone to a restaurant for coffee following the social at the pavilion. ~~(S)(u)~~

Reflecting over the period of his association with [LADISLAV] ALLEY said that he felt that [LADISLAV] appeared to be [S] more interested in him at their first few meetings. He said that as evidence of such interest, [LADISLAV] had given him books [S] regarding architecture as well as a couple Russian novels. ALLEY said he was not aware of any other persons who had been similarly treated by [LADISLAV]. ~~(S)(u)~~ [S]

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ALLEY said that after several of these meetings, although he could not state what exact point or date, (LADISLAV) did not appear quite as friendly or interested in him. ALLEY said that there was a long period of time between the last two or three times when he met (LADISLAV) at the pavilion. (LADISLAV) had explained that his work in the Embassy was consuming much more of his time than previously, which allowed him less time to participate in the Thursday night social affair. (S) (S) (S) (S) (S)

ALLEY said that he now felt, in view of the foregoing, that (LADISLAV) may have focused his attention on ALLEY for the purpose of seeing what he could learn. He observed that if such was the case (LADISLAV) must have become discouraged and decided that he was wasting his time. (S) (S) (S) (S) (S)

ALLEY said that because of the casualness of his association with (LADISLAV) he had previously attached no significance to this association. He said that he now realizes that (LADISLAV) might have regarded this association in an entirely different manner. (S) (S) (S) (S) (S)

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