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On 2/20/64, NY 3653-S* was interviewed by SAS VINCENT J. CAHILL and HARRY E. MORRIS, JR. During the course of this interview the informant furnished the following information relating to YURI I. NOSENKO, the Soviet national, who was recently publicized in the American press as a defector to United States intelligence services.

Informant advised that on 2/18 and 2/19/64, Colonel BORIS S. IVANOV, the Chief of the KGB, New York Residency, held meetings with personnel of the KGB Residency concerning the YURI NOSENKO affair. Elaborating on this, the informant stated that these meetings were held in Colonel IVANOV's office in the KGB space on the eighth floor at the Soviet Mission, 136 East 67th Street, NYC. The informant said IVANOV met with the Security Branch on 2/18/64, at 6:00 P.M.. He met with the Scientific and Technical Branch at 12:00 noon on 2/19/64, and with the personnel of the Political Branch on 2/19/64 at 6:00 P.M.

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During these meetings, according to the informant, Colonel IVANOV informed KGB personnel in NY that he had received two telegrams from KGB Headquarters in Moscow concerning YURI NOSENKO. ⁶IVANOV stated that KGB has assigned the code name of "Idol" to NOSENKO. IVANOV did not read either of the telegrams in full but generally related to KGB personnel the contents of the telegrams.

Informant stated that one of the first things mentioned by Colonel IVANOV was the fact that when the chiefs of the KGB New York Residencies in NY and Washington, D.C. became aware of the fact that NOSENKO was in the United States, and that someone from the Soviet Embassy would be permitted to confront him, the chiefs of the two residencies, namely IVANOV of the New York Residency and ALEKSANDR FOMIN of the Washington, D.C. Residency, had a conference about this matter. Also present at this conference was PAVEL LUKIANOV, the man who was to replace FOMIN as KGB Chief in Washington, D.C.

Note informant advised during the interview of 2/20/64, that on that date, ALEKSANDR FOMIN was in NY, at which time, he had a conference with Colonel IVANOV "for some minutes". Informant stated he personally saw FOMIN at approximately 3:30 P.M. on 2/20 and that shortly thereafter FOMIN left the KGB Residency to go to the airport so that he could board a plane to return to the Soviet Union.

IVANOV stated that during his conference with FOMIN and LUKIANOV they decided that when a man from the Soviet Embassy had a chance to confront NOSENKO, that this man should be a KGB employee and that he should be assigned the task of killing NOSENKO. In reply to a direct question, informant stated it was his understanding that this KGB employee would kill NOSENKO by shooting him.

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According to BORIS IVANOV, ALEKSANDR FOMIN suggested that the man to carry out this assignment was ALEKSEI P. KOSIKOV.

Informant described KOSIKOV as a member of the Consular Group of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. He stated that KOSIKOV is a KGB employee. Informant said that he did not know whether KOSIKOV is an employee of the 13th Department, 1st Directorate KGB.

Colonel BORIS IVANOV explained to KGB personnel that he felt that KOSIKOV would not be arrested and detained by US authorities for killing NOSENKO inasmuch as NOSENKO is a Soviet citizen, and that KOSIKOV, in killing NOSENKO would not be committing a crime against the US or any citizen of the US.

IVANOV stated that after it had been decided by FOMIN and himself that the above was the best course of action to follow in this matter, he and FOMIN collaborated on a telegram which they sent to KGB Headquarters in Moscow outlining their plan. IVANOV related, however, that one day later they received a reply from Moscow which was signed [VLADIMIROV (the KGB code name for SEMICHASTNY, the head of the KGB)]. IVANOV said that in this telegram, Moscow replied that the Central Committee of the CP did not agree with the recommendation of IVANOV and FOMIN "for now". IVANOV said it was written that "We will do this later, this is not the proper moment".

According to the informant, IVANOV said that the above telegram was the first of two telegrams to which IVANOV referred during his conference with KGB personnel. IVANOV said that when it was determined that KGB Headquarters in Moscow would not allow NOSENKO to be killed, then it was decided that another man from the Consular Group at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. would be sent to confront NOSENKO. This man was not a KGB employee, but was "clean".

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Informant said that Colonel IVANOV stated he is convinced that NOSENKO defected because of a lack of morality. IVANOV said it is his opinion that NOSENKO planned this whole thing for a long time. IVANOV further commented that it is especially difficult for him to understand NOSENKO's actions inasmuch as NOSENKO's father was a close personal friend of Premier KHRUSHCHEV.

Informant was then asked if it was unusual that NOSENKO, an employee of the Second Directorate of KGB in Moscow, should be selected to accompany the Soviet Disarmament Delegation to Geneva, Switzerland, it being noted that the specific function of the Second Directorate is to perform counter-intelligence duties against foreigners in the Soviet Union. Informant replied that it is not unusual for employees of the Second Directorate to be selected for such missions. He said that on the contrary, it is considered quite an honor among personnel of the Second Directorate to get such assignments. He said these assignments are eagerly sought and jealously guarded by those fortunate enough to get them. As an example of another employee of the Second Directorate who travelled abroad with a Soviet Delegation, informant cited NIKOLAY RATNIKOV, a chief of a department of the Second Directorate, who several months ago accompanied the Soviet Scientific Delegation to the United States. Information concerning RATNIKOV's visit to the United States with this delegation has been previously furnished to the Bureau.

IVANOV told KGB employees during the meeting on the NOSENKO matter that the second telegram from Moscow which was signed by the [code name "VLADIMIROV"] (S) (previously identified as the [code name for SEMICHASTNY, the head of the KGB]) (S) conceded that perhaps KGB Headquarters had made a "mistake" which had triggered the defection of

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