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Informant said that while he could not say SYCHEV is an employee of Department D, he feels that the operation which SYCHEV described to him, as set out above, was originated or approved by Department D of KGB.

Informant's Comments Concerning Colonel (FNU) SITNIKOV and a New "Active Action" Department in the Central Committee of the CP (CCCP) of the Soviet Union

In connection with the ["WOLF #3"] operation, informant recalled that on the preceding day, 11/25/65, he had on one occasion visited the "PR" room in the KGB space at the Soviet Mission. Informant said that when he walked in YURIY GERMASH, VSEVOLOD GAPON, and IVAN BELOV were engaged in conversation. Informant said that as he joined them these three individuals began to speak about a Colonel (FNU) SITNIKOV, who used to be a Deputy to the Chief of the former 16th Department, First Main Directorate, KGB. Informant said that as he has told us in the past, this department is now known as Service Number 1 (Information Department). Informant added that at the present time Colonel SKRYABIN is Chief of Service Number 1.

Informant said that YURIY GERMASH mentioned the fact that for the past eight months, Colonel SITNIKOV has not been working in KGB Headquarters proper, but has in fact become the chief of a new department which has been created in the CCCP of the Soviet Union, which new department is known as "Active Action." Informant said he personally asked GERMASH to describe to him the functions of Active Action, inasmuch as he did not understand its nature. GERMASH replied that when KGB

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now wishes to carry out an unusual or complicated action, such as the ["WOLF #3"] operation, it is necessary for KGB to secure the authority of the CCCP. GERMASH said that it can readily be seen that most of the members of the CCCP are not knowledgeable in intelligence matters. He said at the present time when a plan for an unusual or complicated intelligence operation has been formulated and approved in KGB, it is sent directly to Colonel SITNIKOV who studies it and becomes thoroughly familiar with the operation. GERMASH said that after SITNIKOV has done this, he, as Chief of Active Action, takes the plan to the appropriate person or persons in the CCCP for approval. GERMASH said that on many occasions it is necessary for SITNIKOV to go directly to LEONID BREZHNEV, (First Secretary and member of the Presidium, CP, SU).

GERMASH told the informant that at the present time there are seven or eight employees in the Active Action Department. GERMASH also said that SITNIKOV was chosen for this position inasmuch as he is noted for his "brilliant memory" and his reputation as a "thinking man."

Informant said that this was the first time that he had ever heard of the Active Action Department of the CCCP. He said that although he has never seen the Colonel SITNIKOV, referred to by GERMASH, IVAN BELOV claims to be personally acquainted with him. Informant said BELOV told him, in addition, that BELOV had given SITNIKOV, personally, the first [Hudson Institute] document that informant had received from his agent ["XTRA."] (S) Informant said he feels that because SITNIKOV is an old and experienced KGB employee, YURI NOSENKO undoubtedly must know him.

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