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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Soviet Hunting Societies

1. At the request of C/SR/CI on 29 July 1964, efforts were made to assemble available information on Soviet hunting clubs or societies. The following sources were tapped:

a. Defectors -

1) Deryabin - he is on leave and unavailable. The index to DR-2 and SR CE-2 reports was reviewed, but no pertinent reports found.

2) [redacted] - contacted by phone. He stated that he has no information on the subject. He never belonged to one, and had been hunting only once in his life. He did not feel that a discussion in person would be fruitful since anything else he might say would be a "poor guess."

3) [redacted] - Contacted in person by Bob Steele. [redacted] had no information. At the age of 14 he had known a hunter, but that is the extent of his contact with the sport.

4) Victor Petrov - Peter Kapusta acquired a four page commentary from Petrov and possibly another defector colleague. It is being translated by Serge Savitskiy.

5) Artamonov - Contacted by Peter Kapusta in person. Peter will write up the conversation and provide it today early.

b. The manual of library acquisitions was reviewed and the only noted periodical relating to hunting was "Okhota i Okhotnich'ye Khozyaystvo" which published monthly. The July 1964 issue was borrowed. A Soviet book listing all(?) periodicals was checked and no publications on hunting were found under the sections which included "sport" and "Hunting."

c. A review of the past twelve issues of the "Survey of the Soviet Press" turned up an item about Turkman SSR intensifying controls on hunting weapons. Copy obtained.

-1960 license
-Q+A
-Reg. of guns +
hunting permit

d. After phone discussion with Dan Bowanko of TSD, I went over to Westout and picked up Xerox copies of several documents, one of which listed requirements for obtaining a hunting license. One was an original instruction booklet furnished by the manufacturer with B shotguns.

e. Al Valpey of OCI was asked about sources of information, but he could suggest only an Intellofax run. Huntley is on leave.

f. The Intellofax section of the library was contacted by phone. The representative said that there was no category on hunting and that they could only get a run on "sport." They would check and call back. THEY DID. THEY CAN'T DO A "RUN" ON HUNTING.