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3 March 1959

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Grigoriy Ye. GOLUB⁺ and Costille Contact

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REFERENCES

1. On 18 February the undersigned was invited to lunch by Grigoriy Ye. GOLUB. The first overture was made by Golub during a Consular Corps lunch on 12 February. Following this lunch, the group divided up into smaller tables of seven or eight for coffee and cognac. Golub came directly to Costille's table where the Canadian Vice Consul, the British Vice Consul and two Finns were already sitting. His first words were directed to Costille. Golub stated that he would like to invite Costille to lunch some time but understood that it was against regulations for Americans to socialize with Soviets. He cited as an example the former American Vice Consul's constant refusal to lunch with him. Costille responded that this was a personal thing and that all Golub had to do was to ask him. Golub promised that he would. A call was received on 16 February, and the date was set for 1200 hours on 18 February.

2. The lunch lasted for three hours and took place at the Adlon Restaurant, which is one of Golub's favorite restaurants in Helsinki. We will report the whole conversation for whatever it is worth. As Golub will have to sign Costille's visa to the USSR, Costille mentioned that he was shortly (February 28th) planning a trip to Moscow and Leningrad on a guided tour and would like any advice Golub had as to the best restaurants and night spots to visit in these cities. Golub said that he was aware of Costille's trip, as his visa request had to pass through him. He stated that it was an excellent idea for Costille to go to the Soviet Union, and gave him two or three restaurants in each city. He again brought up the issue of Americans abroad refusing to have contact with Soviets. He stated that he understood our feeling because of the Hungarian incident, but felt that this was a long time ago and should be forgotten. He felt the more the Soviets and Americans got together the better off the whole world would be. He cited as an example the (AEPANNEE/3 trip, (See (OFPA)-3748, para 3, 6 Feb. 1959) He then proceeded to describe (AE/3) to Costille and asked if Costille had met her before. Costille answered that he had once or twice at Embassy functions, as he had all Fulbrighters, but that he did not know her personally. Golub was evidently very impressed with (AE/3), stating that she knew Russian and had a sincere desire to learn more about the Soviet Union. He added that the trip was expensive but (AE/3) was borrowing the money from her parents and was planning to pay it back once she got a job. Golub thought her trip was an excellent thing.

3. The conversation turned to comparative Foreign Services. Golub stated that he is allowed one paid vacation to Moscow a year. However, if he wants to take any more vacations, he has to pay for them himself. He cited as an example his wife's recent trip to Moscow where she visited her sick mother. This he personally had to pay for, as they had already used up their one paid vacation. Golub stated he could not afford a car and that he had to pay for his apartment out of his salary and was not given a rent allowance. (The Golubs still have no children but are very desirous of having a family.)

4. Golub was quite proud of his war record during the Second World War. He then stated what a terrible thing it would be to have another war because of nuclear weapons. He felt that the Soviet Union and the U.S., even with different systems, could find a way to live together peacefully.

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Costille stated that perhaps in the not-too-distant future both the U.S. and the USSR would have more to fear from China than from each other and brought up the commune issue. Costille mentioned that the communes were completely alien to his way of thinking and were the most objectionable way of living he could possibly imagine. Golub responded that Costille must remember that China and the USSR were different countries and that what might be good for China might not necessarily be good for the USSR. He did not actually state but indicated that he would not like living in a commune and said that he personally liked the feeling of owning a few things. At no time did Golub appear upset or surprised at Costille's asking such questions and was always prepared with a quick answer. He is quite knowledgeable and conversant on Marxism/Leninism.

5. During the lunch Golub made a number of references to the amount of work he had and complained that he did not have more help at the Soviet Consulate. He stated that his only male assistant was Lyubimov (evidently Mikhail Petrovich Lyubimov) who was only in the Consulate part time. He stated that this was Lyubimov's first assignment outside of the USSR and that he was quite young and naive, though very intelligent. Lyubimov speaks English and Swedish. Golub stated that Lyubimov was quite shy and was apprehensive about going out and meeting people. Golub stated that Lyubimov had a fiancee in Moscow and appeared quite lonely here without her.

6. Golub is extremely congenial and likeable and enjoyed playing the part of the host. His Finnish is excellent and he claims to know no English. However, when Costille was having difficulty with Finnish, Golub was able to put these English words into Finnish. He picked up the tab for the meal but undoubtedly will be reimbursed as he put the bill into his pocket.

7. When Costille appeared worried about getting his visa in time for the trip on 28 February, Golub stated not to worry that he would personally see that the visa came through in time. Golub phoned Costille on Saturday at the Embassy to tell him that all the visas of the Americans making the trip were returned from Moscow approved. He stated that he had made a phone call to Moscow requesting they hurry the visas up. Otherwise, we would have never received our visas in time, according to Golub. Golub then invited Costille to be his guest at the Soviet-Finnish ice hockey game in Helsinki on 22 February. Costille accepted. Nothing of importance was done or said at the game except that Golub appeared quite upset when the Finns around him cheered whenever a Soviet player fell or was knocked down.

8. Golub phoned Costille on 26 February wanting Costille to have lunch again with him before his departure to Moscow on 28 February. Costille declined because of previous engagements. Golub wished Costille a pleasant journey and promised to call Costille when the latter returned.

ROODINE NOTE: When Costille first asked about the above invitations, Roodine advised him to accept for, as a member of the [redacted] it would be normal and not inappropriate.

William L. Costille
William L. Costille

13 March 1959

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