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During the period 27 Sep to 23 Oct 61, Olav E. Flinger, Soviet Exchange Student under Frank-Frankfurt Agreement, was under the supervision of himself and members of his staff.

1. Olav E. Flinger came to do part-time research work in the Department of Chemistry under the supervision of himself and by arrangement on 27 Sep 61. He came pursuant to the Frank-Frankfurt exchange agreement and it was intended that he would work here for a period of three or four months. He had been here less than a month when his sudden and unexpected departure occurred on 23 Oct 61. Prior to coming here, he had been a Scientific Associate of the Institute of Chemical Physics, of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
2. He was very much disturbed by Flinger's sudden departure because we feared that the whole exchange program might have been jeopardized. So, on 27 Oct 61, we sent a cable, to Professor Nikolay Aleksandrovich Kuznetsov, a member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, who is the head of the Institute of Chemical Physics, Moscow, where Flinger had worked. Kuznetsov replied to this cable with a cable which we received 11 Oct 61. It was very cordial. It stated that Flinger came back for family reasons. "We are extremely sorry," it said, "and will write a letter with details later." However, no such letter has arrived to date, 23 Nov 61.
3. Another cable was sent by the National Academy of Sciences, 4 Nov 61 to the British Ambassador, London, President of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, but this cable, as we reply has been received, on 21 Nov 61.
4. As far as I am concerned, I am sure that incident that Flinger's wife and family made him return to the USSR to get the reason for his departure.
5. I think his departure was a very sad thing. He is a very good person. Or it may have been a combination of two or three things which brought about his return.
6. Flinger lived in very well here. He is a very good person. He gave him the title of Scientific Associate. He cannot be sent with part-time work.

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is a leading scientist, for example. They thought he talked too much and was too friendly. He did not keep his mouth shut and he did not act like a Jew. I am sure they concluded that he was susceptible to persuasion. I thought as myself.

13. So I suspect that Pirogov dug his own hole. He had to report to the Council of the US Delegation every week and, in the process, his general attitude got across to them. He talked too much. His conversation with Sefov was an example.
14. Again, what he was working on here was very close to what he had been working on under Sefov and the Council may have jumped to the conclusion that he was telling us all that he knew.
15. The problem on which he worked here was the capitalization of dimes and alpha-clusters using a transition metal catalyst system. For example, one of the capitalizations on which he worked involved the dimes, beta-dimes, and the alpha clusters, pyrolysis.
16. He was known to many of the staff and was intimate with two or fifteen students here but was probably most intimate with the man with whom he shared a laboratory. This was an Italian, named Dr. Emilio Pirogov. They appeared to be good friends.
17. I do not think that Pirogov was the victim of an informer. I have wondered about this a lot but I do not think this is what happened. I think, as I said before, that he dug his own hole. Incidentally, we were most anxious to keep this incident out of the papers and there was no leak. Had there been an informer, this might not have been the case.

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