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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Soviet Contacts with Americans in Denmark

1. Reference is made to your letter entitled David Allan BOOTH, dated 4 October 1960, your file number 100-432027, and to various memoranda from this office concerning Soviet contacts with American students in Denmark. Specific references among our reports to you are CSCI-3/758,793, dated 20 September 1960, and CSCI-3/761,974, dated 20 September 1960. The following additional information concerning the subject matter has been provided by an

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2. BOOTH's contact with members of the Soviet Embassy in Copenhagen first came to official attention when, on 13 October 1959, he was contacted by Vladislav Mikhailovich ABARCHALIN, a clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Copenhagen, and made arrangements to meet ABARCHALIN and the latter's "two wives" at a theater that evening. ABARCHALIN initiated this contact in a manner frequently used by KGB officers in Copenhagen. They met at the theater as planned, the party also including ABARCHALIN's wife and Yuriy Alekseyevich IVANOV, born 30 March 1924 in Briansk, USSR, who was an Attache and suspected KGB officer at the local Soviet Embassy. BOOTH, who had obtained tickets for the entire group, arrived escorting an unidentified woman.

3. Another of ABARCHALIN's contacts in Copenhagen has been Rembert Gaven ALLEY, who is the subject of CSCI-3/761,974. On 29 October 1959 ABARCHALIN met ALLEY, at the town hall square in Copenhagen and the two went together to a restaurant and later to the theater. ABARCHALIN arranged this meeting in the same manner as he used in contacting BOOTH, as mentioned above. ALLEY has United States Passport No. 1570658, issued 21 May 1959 in Chicago, and he has given his address as 304 W. Willow Street, Chicago 14, Illinois. He has stated that he became interested in Denmark as a result of having worked in the United States with a Danish architect. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Illinois in February

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1956, after which he entered military service. He was released after six months as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Signal Corps. In his work in Denmark, for a firm doing military construction in Greenland, ALLEY does not have access to classified documents, but he does have access to unclassified blueprints and other papers and he is in contact with a number of people working on the Greenland projects.

4. It appears that ALLEY was the individual through whom ABARCHALIN came into contact with Marvin KANTOR, inasmuch as ALLEY indicated to ABARCHALIN on 5 November 1959 that he would introduce him to KANTOR that evening. It is believed that on that evening ALLEY and ABARCHALIN walked together to KANTOR's address but failed to see him. According to official travel records, KANTOR had left Denmark for the USSR on 25 May 1959. He returned on 10 September 1959, presumably having spent the intervening period in the Soviet Union.

5. On the evening of 16 November 1959, however, ABARCHALIN was observed entering a local restaurant with ALLEY and KANTOR. The three sat down at a table with two unidentified foreigners of oriental appearance. All members of the group apparently knew each other, since they immediately entered into rather animated conversation. They also looked at some papers or magazines, one of which bore the title, Soviet Film. Later in the evening KANTOR left the restaurant alone, carrying a newspaper or magazine, and ALLEY and ABARCHALIN left together soon thereafter, ALLEY separating from ABARCHALIN after a short time and returning to his residence alone. The two oriental-looking foreigners remained in the restaurant and later joined two other men who also appeared to be foreigners. One of the latter two left the restaurant at about 0050 hours and drove off in a car registered to William VALENCIA, an education student born on 9 March 1936 in Chicago. The other unidentified foreigner was a Negro who left the restaurant at 0015 hours.

6. We will forward to you any additional information that may be received concerning the matters reported above.

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