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MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1950

TO: Members, IAC Ad Hoc Committee to develop a recommended U. S. Policy toward Soviet and Satellite service attache personnel.

Reference: Second Meeting of IAC Ad Hoc Committee, April 26, 1950.

I am attaching copies of an outgoing circular airgram dated August 19, 1949 and an outgoing telegram dated May 1, 1950, together with copies of the replies thereto, for discussion at our next meeting.

George R. Fearing, Jr.
Director
Office of Libraries and Intelligence-Acquisition

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Colonel A. J. C. Biddle, Room 2A-544, The Pentagon
Colonel E. Vance, Room 2A-961, The Pentagon
Mr. S. W. Reynolds, Room 7645, U. S. Dept. of Justice Bldg.
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cc: Mr. Reinhardt

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August 19, 1949
8:10 a.m.

CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

To

Certain American Diplomatic Officers

Recent travel restrictions on foreign officials in Rumania and Bulgaria raise question of retaliation such as was under consideration in Department at time reimposition of Soviet restrictions and imposition Bulgarian restrictions last fall but deferred because of apparent liberal Soviet administration of regulations. It is now considered desirable to secure views of missions where restrictions are in force. Please repeat replies to this airgram to other missions herein addressed.

For your information, following represents tentative proposed action last fall prior to decision to defer:

When Soviet travel restrictions were originally imposed May 16, 1941 (Moscow TEL 2755, Nov. 28) Soviet Embassy informed by note June 7, 1941 that on basis of reciprocity this Government constrained to require officials and employees of Soviet Embassy not to travel outside District of Columbia and immediate vicinity without formal notification to and permission from Department. Vicinity was orally defined as radius of 100 miles. Similar requirement applied to Soviet consulates. Requests for authorization to travel were required to contain information concerning projected route, stopping places, duration and purpose of trip, as provided in Soviet regulations. These restrictions were cancelled July 23, 1941.

Department of Justice last fall informally advised that by a system of spot checks it should be able to exercise adequate control to make similar retaliatory measures substantially effective. The contemplated procedure would require officers and employees of the Soviet Embassy and Amtorg to carry permits approved by the Department when they travel outside a radius of 35 miles from Washington and New York respectively. Soviet employees of UN, members of Soviet delegations to UN, and TASS employees would be excluded. The intended practice was to govern policy on granting travel authorizations to accord with Soviet treatment of our requests, as to which the Embassy would be requested to keep the Department currently advised, with the exception of travel between New York and Washington which might be treated more liberally. It was proposed to follow the 1941 action in requiring prior authorization as well as notification since in

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practice the Soviet requirement of prior notification together with Soviet control of means of travel was considered tantamount to requiring authorization. The contemplated restrictions would not have involved creating any forbidden areas or forbidden highways leaving Washington or New York, which Department felt would open this Government to valid criticism as too litterally following totalitarian procedures and not necessary to achieve such salutary effect as may be obtainable. A note to the above effect to the Soviet Embassy was to be made public with press release following delivery. Department proposed similar action concerning Bulgaria about a week later, omitting Minister Charge who was not included in the Bulgarian restrictions.

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AMEMBASSY, Warsaw
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AMLEGATION, Sofia
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Control 3249
Rec'd: May 8, 1950
8:51 a.m.

FROM: Moscow

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1511, May 8, 10 a.m.

SENT DEPARTMENT 1511, DEPARTMENT PASS LONDON 182, BUCHAREST 14, BUDAPEST 20, PRAHA 38, WARSAW 29.

DEPTEL 367 May 1.

As indicated EMBTEL 890 March 20, we are dubious whether institution by Department restrictions of travel Soviet diplomats would have ameliorative effect situation Moscow or satellites. While Embassy would welcome institution such restrictions US from standpoint general considerations, we would regret it if such action should result in further restrictions on our travel here. Department aware that travel we now able perform is useful, and that recently we have found it possible make rather extensive trips (EMBTELS 1005 April 1 and 1154 April 17).

If US restrictions decided on, we urge they be strictly reciprocal. That communication note that general demand that permission be obtained as distinct from simple notification in case travel outside specified radius (EMPCIRAIR August 19, 1949, 8:10 a.m.) might cause us trouble. While notification plus control tickets is comparable to permission, in majority cases which involve automobile transportation to nearby spots outside Moscow notification is minor annoyance whereas obtainment permission likely be onerous.

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Note: Relayed to London, Bucharest, Budapest, Praha, Warsaw, 7:10 a.m., 5/8/50, FC.

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May 1, 1950

AMEMBASSY

MOSCOW

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DEPCIRAIR Aug 19, 1949, 6:10 am RE retaliatory travel control.

DEPT considering advisability application travel control measures to SOV and RUM officials in US. Your comment in view present conditions your post requested by TUL. DEPT does not contemplate application such measures to officials other Eastern EUR GOVTS in absence special recommendation from mission concerned.

Proposed procedure wld follow lines set forth DEPCIRAIR. Dept wld advise SOV and RUM Missions Washington of procedure making clear that action reciprocal in nature. Communication wld then be made public together with explanatory press release.

Rpt to: AMLEGATION, BUCHAREST 145
AMLEGATION, BUDAPEST 198
AMEMBASSY, PRAHA 217
AMEMBASSY, WARSAW 206

AMEMBASSY, LONDON
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5/2/50 10 a.m.
Control 208
Dated May 1, 1950

To: Moscow

NO: 307

The serial number of this CONFIDENTIAL message recorded as 765 should be corrected to read 307.

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