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[REDACTED] REPORT 0173

Hi-Fi Salesman Agent in UK - 1970s

Source recruited a hi-fi salesman - an American living in Britain. The agent's father-in-law was a politician and his parents were of some standing and well-placed in the USA. The man had no particularly useful function in the UK but he was considered to have potential in the USA and it was there the KGB saw his intelligence career developing.

2. The case was initiated by Source who handed it on to his colleague Yuriy Gennadyevich POKROVSKIY at the STD in about 1979. During the running of the case, the agent took a package to Lisbon for the KGB.

3. The case officers became suspicious of the agent as he tried to take the initiative. POKROVSKIY was later expelled.

Desk Comment: This agent appears to be identical with the Double Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORT 058

v.o. [REDACTED] 's Contemporaries in London - Yuriy Gennadyivich POKROVSKIY

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[REDACTED] POKROVSKIY ran [REDACTED]. His standing in the KGB was high, through his wife who was the daughter of a VIP. However, this must have been tarnished after his wife was caught shop-lifting in London. He returned to the USSR and was posted to Department 10 (Britain) of the Directorate T. After that he went to Japan as Deputy Head of the STD. He had some problems there and after 2 years he was expelled.

Double Agent [REDACTED] - Further Reporting

Source provided the following information about this case which was first reported in [REDACTED] 017.

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Initial Contact

2. Source first met the man in a hi-fi shop. He believed this shop was in Tottenham Court Road. Source was initially attracted by the sound of a voice with an American accent which proved to belong to a good-looking sales assistant. His only attraction was that he was American. Source put some general questions to him and decided that he would be worth meeting somewhere other than in the shop. Source therefore requested some personal advice on hi-fi equipment and a general discussion in peace and quiet on which equipment was the best. He said he was very busy at the moment but would get in touch later. The man agreed.

Second Contact

3. Source next visited the shop one evening near to the time it was due to close, and took the American to a restaurant. The American told Source about his parents in the States, and mentioned that he had been a sailor. Life was apparently not too easy for him. As he had a strong personality and character, Source continued meeting the American (semi-covertly).

Centre's Reaction

4. Centre commented on the lack of any useful information from this Source but was happy for the case to proceed just because the individual was of American nationality and might be of use in the future, particularly if he were able to introduce Source to other Americans, and on his eventual return to the States.

Motivation

5. The American was interested in receiving extra money and asked Source for more than Source was prepared to give. At the start of the case no money was paid to the contact but in the latter stages we received about 100 dollars a month, so far as Source can recall.

Proposed Visit to the States

6. As the contact's parents were of interest to Source he tried to arrange for the contact to visit them in America. However, the contact did not wish to undertake this trip as his parents-in-law were coming to the UK on a visit.

Source's Doubts About the Case

7. The American tried to aggravate Source by saying how much better capitalism was than communism and life in the West as opposed to that in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. They also discussed politics. However, Source was not entirely happy with the case as the contact appeared too confident to be really trusted, and it was not natural for an American to carry on such a relationship. Source felt that he could not have been of genuine

interest to the contact. Nevertheless, there were no concrete drawbacks so the case was continued if only to provide an understanding of American psychology, and practice in running an American.

Contact Testing

8. Centre supported the case, although without enthusiasm, and suggested that Source should make some routine checks on the man's attitude to see if a deeper relationship was possible. The trip to Portugal to carry out a task was the result. The contact possibly travelled with his wife, and Source believed his task was to take with him a package to be placed in a DLB or something similar.

Contact's Status

9. The contact was never formally made an agent, but remained a contact under cultivation. The contact was offered the money to pay for courses in business studies but he was not interested in pursuing these opportunities; preferring to remain in his current job as a salesman. Source believes that the contact later obtained a better job in a "Technics" shop.

Second Case Officer

9. Source, before his departure from the UK in 1979, introduced the contact to his next case officer, Yuriy Gennadyevich POKROVSKIY, who worked at the STD until his expulsion from the UK.

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On 13 May 80, [redacted] Male Born [redacted] England,

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Between Dec 78 - Jan 79, while working at [redacted] Tottenham Court Road, London W1, he was approached by a male individual who identified himself as VICTOR. Initially he thought VICTOR was Yugoslavian but as their relationship progressed, VICTOR told him that he was Russian and worked at the Soviet Embassy, London. VICTOR initially requested information about stereo equipment and subsequently took him to dinner after the third meeting. Later VICTOR told him that he could assist "them" if he was in a higher position such as a director or area sales manager of a large national or international company. VICTOR asked him to pick up some school literature in Feb 79 from a university located in Bedfordshire. This was the first tasking he had received. The literature was obtained and provided to VICTOR. Next VICTOR requested him to attempt to obtain some silicone chips; type Texas Instrument TMS3064, two each and Intel 2164, five each. He attempted once to get these chips from a dealer by telling the dealer that he was building a computer. The dealer told him that those chips were not used for consumer computers so he did not press the issue, but reported his findings to VICTOR. He started receiving £150 per month in cash plus travel expenses from VICTOR. He was required to sign a blank piece of paper which he was advised that he could list any name on it. His initial meetings with VICTOR began in London and later changed to Luton. VICTOR told him that he was only allowed to travel within a fifty mile radius of the London area. Initially, he was required to be present at certain telephone booths which he would receive a call from VICTOR and subsequently meet VICTOR a block or so away. Later, he began to meet VICTOR at the Luton and Harlington Train Stations. He got the impression that VICTOR would arrive by car but may not have driven himself. VICTOR is described as approximately 30-35 years of age, 5'9" tall, 170-180 lbs in weight, medium build, sandy hair. VICTOR has talked about his wife and two children and his music system, which includes a pair of JBL brand American-made speakers. VICTOR would provide ten blank tapes (TDK AD brand) for him to record jazz music on and advised that he could keep five of the tapes for himself. On one meeting VICTOR took him to Ronnie Scotts in London, which is known for its jazz artists. When he and VICTOR would go out to eat, VICTOR

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would always have the same thing that he ordered and would always pay the bill. This included drinks too. VICTOR advised him that he was returning to Moscow in Oct-Nov 79 and arranged for him to meet GEORGE. He was sent on a mission to Lisbon, Portugal between 21-23 Jul 79 where he met a contact and delivered an envelope. He could not recall a name of his contact but described him as forty years of age, chunky build, red hair, approximately 6' tall, 220 lbs in weight, hair was curly. He was given directions to walk around two or three blocks at a certain time and that he would be met by a contact. He did not meet the contact on the first day but discovered that he had not followed the directions properly. On the second day, he walked the three blocks in the proper sequence and was approached by a red hair man. The red hair man gave the code phrase "Didn't I see you at the London HiFi Show" or something to that effect and the two of them went to a nearby restaurant for a meal. He discovered that he had forgotten the envelope and had to return to his hotel room and get the envelope from his attache case. Upon his return he relinquished the envelope to the red hair man and they talked. The red hair man spoke good English and gave the impression that he had travelled from Paris, France for the meet. He appeared like one of the actors who was in a James Bond movie (NFI). An agreement was made that he would meet the red hair man in Lisbon every summer for a day or so. Upon his return to England, VICTOR advised him at the next meet that the envelope had been discovered opened prior to it being received in Lisbon, but he indicated that he delivered the envelope unopened. VICTOR had paid him in advance for plane tickets and travel expenses. While in Lisbon he stayed at the Hotel Florida.

3 VICTOR had indicated on several occasions that he should get a better job and VICTOR would supply him with want ads from the newspaper for executive positions. It was approximately Feb 79 when he had told VICTOR that he would work for him and VICTOR supplied an employment application which reflected the name of a British firm (NFI). He prepared the form and returned it to VICTOR. It was agreed that VICTOR would contact him at home in emergencies but he could not contact VICTOR except at the scheduled meeting.

4 GEORGE is described as 40-43 years of age, 6' tall, 150-160 lbs in weight, slim build, dark eyes, short side burns, short hair and gives a businessman appearance. Also believed to have a scar on his face. Has a slavic accent but has never said that he is Russian. Has commented that he works in the Economics Department of the Soviet Embassy, London and had recently travelled to Scotland 2-3 months ago to the Catapillar Factory. GEORGE is also restricted to the fifty mile radius of London. GEORGE is not as keen on music as VICTOR and apparently has a much cheaper music system. GEORGE is married and has one child. While working for GEORGE, he has travelled to Belgium (Brussels) on company business and was instructed by GEORGE to self address an envelope and mail it to himself from Belgium and report how long it took to receive. It took five days. He stayed at a hotel near the EEC building and his visit was for two days in Feb 80. GEORGE



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wanted him to go back to school and get a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. He started school part time but had to drop out due to work. GEORGE paid all the expenses. GEORGE suggested he should go to school full time and GEORGE would pay him the difference he would have lost by quitting his job.

He has told GEORGE about his family which includes his father, a retired U.S. Army O-6

GEORGE has asked him to ask his father what he felt about the Afghanistan situation. Apparently his father was planning to come to England in the future on vacation. He last met GEORGE in Luton on 23 Mar and is scheduled to meet him again 14 May 80 in Luton.

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SUMMARY: He has indicated that the Soviets are attempting to assist him in getting an executive position in an international company. Although he was asked if he ever passed any military installations, he was told that "they" are interested in industrial secrets. He feels that they want him to become a "mole" for later use. He has allowed the relationship to continue since he has not had to do anything contrary to law and that they did not have a hold on him. He said he lives a clean life and could not be blackmailed. Basically, he has been fed, paid and looked after and has not really produced anything of value. He was in the U.S. Navy from [redacted] and was in the radar field. He previously lived at [redacted] Nottingham for one year before moving to his present address. He currently works for [redacted] Distributor for [redacted] stereo equipment. His customers are all British retail businesses. He does not handle the military sales. He is (in his own words) willing to act as a "double agent" for us [redacted]. He was driving a Ford Granada which he said was a company car, [redacted]

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On 13 and 28 May 80, SUBJECT was interviewed [REDACTED] SUBJECT related
substantially the following:

a. Initial contact with VICTOR: SUBJECT, an American citizen, arrived in London with a wife and one child in Apr 77. He set up a household and acquired a job with [REDACTED]. During Aug 77, he was given an opportunity to [REDACTED] in Nottingham. He transferred to Nottingham permanently shortly thereafter and has lived in Nottingham ever since. During Oct 77, [REDACTED] he began commuting to London on a weekly basis (down to London on Monday and return to Nottingham on Friday). He stayed in a hotel during the week. His job at [REDACTED] involved selling Hi-Fi equipment and accessories retail and advising customers on matters concerning stereo equipment. During approximately Dec 78, an individual, known only to him as VICTOR, entered the shop in London as a customer. Initially, he thought VICTOR was Yugoslavian. VICTOR claimed to be assembling a stereo system and needed advice as well as stereo accessories. VICTOR began coming to the shop once every one to two weeks. He and VICTOR began a friendship based on a mutual interest in stereos. VICTOR then asked him out to dinner which he accepted. VICTOR offered dinner at least two times and possibly more while he was in London. He never turned VICTOR down. VICTOR would come to the shop at closing time and wait for him outside. VICTOR always left the choice of food and restaurant up to him and VICTOR always paid for everything. The conversation seemed to usually center around stereos, but after the first few times, became somewhat personal in that families, jobs, politics, economics, etc., became more frequent topics, as did his personal background. At one of their dinners, VICTOR stated he was Russian and worked at the Soviet Embassy in London and his job involved something with chemicals or chemistry. SUBJECT wanted to arrange a "get together" for his and VICTOR's families as he was fascinated at having met a Russian. VICTOR declined and said it would simply be impractical given the distance between their residences. He recalled that at least two of the restaurants in which they had dinner were Italian and were within a short walk of the shop, which was located on Tottenham Court Road, London. At one of their dinners in London (NFI), VICTOR gradually led up to asking him to supply "them" with information (NFI) for which "they" were willing to pay him money. He became aware that VICTOR was a Soviet intelligence agent and believed he was being placed on retainer, so to speak. He saw the relationship as exciting and felt he was on a lark. Since he had no information and did not feel he would be breaking any laws, he agreed to VICTOR's offer. Due to the strain on his family, caused by his weekly absences, he quit working for

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[redacted] and secured a position on [redacted] with [redacted] Nottingham, as a sales representative responsible for the Midlands region of England.

[redacted] because he no longer had a reason to go to London, he refused to meet VICTOR in the London area. Therefore, VICTOR suggested they meet in Luton, England. To support their meets in Luton, VICTOR asked him to collect the telephone numbers of various public call boxes in the Luton, Nottingham areas and along the M-1 motorway (a major English highway frequently used by SUBJECT). He did this and provided them to VICTOR along with their locations. He did no longer recall their locations. VICTOR said they would use a system whereby SUBJECT would be at a predesignated call box at a predesignated time to receive a call from VICTOR who would confirm that a personal meet would take place and identify the place, date, and time of the meet. The system never worked because SUBJECT never knew where he would be on a given day and time. VICTOR soon realized this and began arranging subsequent meets during their present meet. The last thing accomplished at any meet with VICTOR was agreement on the date, place, and time of the next meet. After he dropped VICTOR off (usually at the Luton train station) following a meet, he would write the next meet's information in a Trio Calendar Planning Guide which he always carried. He still has the 78 and 79 Guides, but they are at his residence. He would be willing to produce them on request (SUBJECT produced his 1980 Guide). The meets with VICTOR occurred about once a month and almost never at the same place twice. The normal meet time was between 1900 and 2000 and the duration was normally two to three hours. The meetings nearly always involved dinner at a pub or restaurant and usually involved considerable drinking by both of them. VICTOR would always order what SUBJECT did and usually drank what SUBJECT did - always beer and wine with dinner. VICTOR always paid for everything. He always met VICTOR someplace in Luton. He would usually pick VICTOR up in his car (provided by [redacted] - a late model Ford Granada. [redacted] pays for all of SUBJECT's travelling expenses) at the Luton train station and they would either drive or walk to the meet site chosen by VICTOR. On occasion, VICTOR would provide another location to SUBJECT, at which they would meet and travel to the meet site. Sometime after the meets began to take place in Luton, VICTOR said he was going to pay SUBJECT £150 per month [redacted] SUBJECT felt this was along the line of a retainer. The payment, however, did not come in every month. VICTOR always gave SUBJECT £10 [redacted] for expenses when they met. SUBJECT had to write a one line receipt for the £150 when he received it. SUBJECT always signed a fictitious name. He never had to sign for the £10 expense money. VICTOR called him at his Nottingham residence a few times to arrange meets but did not like to do that for security reasons. SUBJECT was never provided with a way to contact VICTOR nor was he given any instructions on what to do if one of them missed a meet. He believes VICTOR was very knowledgeable of the Luton area. VICTOR constantly checked on how SUBJECT's family was getting on and whether SUBJECT needed any money for medical bills, etc. VICTOR wanted him to go back to school as a way of bettering his position. SUBJECT began to take some courses [redacted] on a part time basis. VICTOR paid for all of SUBJECT's expenses

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