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A former SVR Line X officer who served in London between 1972 and 1979 and in Paris from 1985 to 1992 who defected to the UK in 1992.

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Recruitment

Vo [redacted] was invited to a trade union meeting in Kingston sponsored by Andy WILSON a few years after he arrived in UK. PARELLIC was present. Neither WILSON nor anyone else played any part in talent spotting PARELLIC. [redacted]

[redacted] invited PARELLIC to meet him alone. They discussed unemployment, trade union matters and social questions. They started meeting regularly once a month in restaurants. [redacted] treated these as covert meetings. He told PARELLIC not to speak about these meetings to others, but did not instruct him in covert measures in order not to frighten him off. PARELLIC told [redacted] about his life. He was disappointed about his lack of future in his employment. [redacted] encouraged PARELLIC to think that his life could be more adventurous. He also encouraged him to join a tennis club and gave him a racquet. For the first year [redacted] never broached the matter of his main interest; PARELLIC'S work in industrial technology. [redacted] felt it was too early to do so. [redacted] told PARELLIC that he was using the content of their discussions in his reports from the Embassy.

Vo 2. After a year [redacted] suggested that PARELLIC should get a better job and cut himself off from his CPGB activities. This took time as he was at first unwilling to break with his friends. Together they drew up a short list of companies, one of which was EMI. PARELLIC applied and EMI showed interest. The salary was lower than his current job, but [redacted] agreed to compensate him for this. [redacted] paid PARELLIC a significant sum (£1,000?) for joining EMI.

Vo 3. [redacted] also encouraged PARELLIC to get professional qualifications and improve his prospects. [redacted] and Moscow Centre did not expect PARELLIC to be successful because of his YCL background. PARELLIC'S landlord told him that the police had visited the house asking questions about his contacts. PARELLIC suspected that this was connected with security vetting.

Vo 4. PARELLIC was then assigned to the fuse project with Thorn/EMI. [redacted] made no demands on PARELLIC for information at first. Later [redacted] asked PARELLIC for information on the fuse. He intimated that he would be prepared to pay. At this time PARELLIC was having difficult relations with a girlfriend who was financially demanding. [redacted] used this as a lever but as their personal relations were so good it was not difficult for him to do so.

Vo 5. At first PARELLIC gave [redacted] a brief description of the fuse. [redacted] paid PARELLIC a small amount of money for this and asked him to find out about the security arrangements at EMI. He asked for information about the security staff, checks at the

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gate and document security. He also asked whether it was possible to take a camera into the site. The impression received was that THORN EMI had a very lax security regime. Nevertheless [redacted] did not ask PARELLIC to take any documents out. At this stage Moscow Centre also asked for more checks on PARELLIC since it was unusual to gain such information from a former member of the CPGB.

6. [redacted] asked PARELLIC to memorise passages and diagrams from documents and reproduce them at home. He was then to photograph his notes, destroy them and give the film to [redacted]. The information was sent to Moscow Centre who replied that the fuse was old fashioned and of little interest. [redacted] could not recall which documents PARELLIC reproduced.

7. There were continuing suspicions about PARELLIC's reliability by Moscow Centre. On one occasion during a meeting [redacted] and PARELLIC were walking together in the grounds of Hampton Court when they came across Andy WILSON. WILSON expressed no surprise to see [redacted] and PARELLIC together. [redacted] had instructed PARELLIC to distance himself from the CPGB and the union in Kingston so he was concerned over this chance meeting. He asked PARELLIC whether there had been any reaction to this meeting, but PARELLIC said that he had heard of none.

Vienna Oral Lie Detector Test

8. Moscow Centre were concerned about the political repercussions of the case and whether PARELLIC was under British Control. The case was reported to ANDROPOV, then head of the KGB. It was decided to mount a sophisticated security check on PARELLIC which was the first of its kind. The check involved ten people in Austria. [redacted] suggested to PARELLIC that he travel to Austria in August with his girlfriend on the pretext of taking a holiday. [redacted] paid for the journey. [redacted] took no other part in the operation. The test took place in a rented house. One room was set aside for the test and one for the operators. A team patrolled the streets around the house in cars and on foot. The unit responsible for the operation was not from the FCD. One of the participants was Boris snu from the British desk in Directorate T and formerly en poste in London before [redacted]. PARELLIC passed the test, but some doubts still remained because of the unusual nature of the case, in particular PARELLIC's Communist background and the ease with which he penetrated EMI. Moscow Centre instructed [redacted] to tell PARELLIC to take copies of classified documents to Vienna. [redacted] objected to this unnecessary risk but was overruled. [redacted] believed that PARELLIC had copied the documents in EMI but could not be sure. He did not see the copied documents. The Centre was satisfied with the documents which were shown to ANDROPOV. [redacted] was not sure in which year the Vienna trip took place, but believed that PARELLIC was still working at EMI at the time.

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PARELLIC's Status

9. [REDACTED] did not have time to undertake the bureaucratic process of formalising PARELLIC as an agent. PARELLIC therefore remained a confidential contact while he was run by [REDACTED]

PARELLIC's Camera

10. [REDACTED] gave PARELLIC the money to buy a camera. This was a normal SLR model, either a Konica or a Canon. [REDACTED] instructed PARELLIC not to take the camera into EMI.

PARELLIC's Loss of Access

11. PARELLIC's loss of access to the fuse came as a great disappointment and puzzle. At about this time [REDACTED] noticed surveillance just before a meeting that he was unable to abort. [REDACTED] grabbed PARELLIC and took him to a nearby station where they took a train. PARELLIC said he had not noticed anything unusual, but [REDACTED] suspected that PARELLIC had come to attention.

Information Passed to [REDACTED] and Evaluation of PARELLIC

12. PARELLIC gave [REDACTED] about three films each with twenty four exposures or less of his notes from classified documents. [REDACTED] did not give PARELLIC any guidance on what to copy. Moscow Centre was not impressed with the information, which it said was of an older type of fuse. In [REDACTED]'s view the Centre wanted PARELLIC to bring the documents to Vienna in order that he make a visible commitment to them rather than because of the value of the documents. The case was judged at the time as a promising one for the future rather than a currently productive case.

13. After PARELLIC was transferred to EMI Medical he continued to pass information to [REDACTED]. He obtained twelve volumes of documents on a medical scanner. In this case he took original documents from the works as they were unclassified and it was easy to obtain official copies.

Handover to LAZIN

14. [REDACTED] introduced PARELLIC to LAZIN at a meeting. The handover was without incident.

15. While LAZIN ran the case a DLB in a telephone box was lost. The DLB contained a map with a route for PARELLIC to follow to a meeting. However the DLB was disturbed and pieces of paper thought to be the map were seen on the ground. It was concluded that children had found the DLB and destroyed the map. [REDACTED] heard about this while he was back in Moscow.

16. [REDACTED] did not think that PARELLIC provided anything of value while he was run by LAZIN. [REDACTED] heard some details of the case while he was in Moscow where he initially worked on the

British desk but he could not be sure that he had heard all the significant details.

17. After LAZIN was expelled contact was lost with PARELLIC. A A CHERNYAYEV (Line X, en poste 1979-83) made a reconnaissance to re-establish contact. He may have made a telephone call to PARELLIC. O P KRASAKOV Line X, en poste 1984-85 re-established contact by which time PARELLIC was working for GEC. PARELLIC then started to provide information of interest to Directorate T.

Current Situation

18. [redacted] thought that PARELLIC may still be in contact but there is a problem with the case, either PARELLIC is reluctant to continue or the case officer is unhappy. In support of this [redacted] said that when he was on leave in Moscow in June or July 1991 he was asked to visit the British desk in Directorate T to provide advice on the case, but [redacted] did not have the time to do so. In September 1991 [redacted] received a letter in Paris from Moscow asking him if he could organise a meeting with PARELLIC in France. [redacted] did not reply to the letter. He has heard nothing further about the case since.

A Warning to PARELLIC?

19. [redacted] thought that there would be no attempt to contact PARELLIC now that he had defected. The Centre would suspect a trap. Otherwise, the signal for danger would typically be a piece of paper (with no message) of a particular colour under the windscreen wiper of PARELLIC's car. There would be no procedure for PARELLIC to contact his case officer. It would be against all normal practice for the agent to be able to take this initiative.

Names Used by [redacted]

20. PARELLIC knows [redacted]'s surname. [redacted] gave him his card once. Andy WILSON could also have told PARELLIC [redacted]'s full name. [redacted] was known by the codename 'OZEROV' within the Service. This was used in UK, in the Centre and in France.

PARELLIC's Reaction to his Loss of Security Clearance

21. PARELLIC's actions to find out why he had lost his security clearance were agreed with [redacted]. There were a number of reasons for this course of action. It was better to know why he had lost his clearance. They also felt that he should press his rights in order to check whether there was a proper case against him. Psychologically it was better to be self assertive in the matter. The aim was for PARELLIC to regain his clearance.

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Motivation of PARELLIC

22. Ideological

Money

Opened new horizons/gave PARELLIC feeling of self importance.

Disappointment with leadership and corruption in the CPGB.

Talent Spotting by PARELLIC?

23. PARELLIC did not talent spot or help recruit anyone else. [redacted] asked him to talent spot other staff but he seemed reluctant or unable to do this. [redacted] did not press him as he did not think this was the most appropriate use of PARELLIC at this stage.

Meetings

24. [redacted] used to meet PARELLIC in parks and restaurants in the Kingston area. Initially [redacted] met PARELLIC near his home. Later [redacted] used the telephone box technique to provide counter surveillance on PARELLIC before the meeting. [redacted] would intercept PARELLIC on his walk before when he was satisfied that PARELLIC was not under surveillance. Meetings took place once a month, usually during the evening at the weekend. The next meeting was arranged at each meeting.

25. The signal for an emergency meeting was a piece of paper of a particular colour under the windscreen wiper of PARELLIC's car. On seeing this signal PARELLIC would go to a telephone box at a particular time when he would receive a call from [redacted]. [redacted] never had occasion to use an emergency signal with PARELLIC.

DLB

26. [redacted] only used DLBs in telephone boxes to give PARELLIC a route to a meeting.

Codeword

27. The codeword for PARELLIC was 'BORG'. [redacted] chose this because of his own interest in tennis.

Payment

28. The payment of £1,000(?) was in recognition of PARELLIC's success in getting employment with EMI and as an inducement to co-operate. This was a large amount of money but was sanctioned because the case was considered to have a great potential.

29. [REDACTED] did not give PARELLIC a regular payment at first. After the test in Vienna PARELLIC was put on a salary. [REDACTED] instructed PARELLIC not to put the money in his bank and to use it wisely for private purposes.

Training

30. [REDACTED] gave PARELLIC tradecraft training. [REDACTED] stressed that he should be cautious and be friendly with colleagues. [REDACTED] showed him ways of checking that his contacts were not in touch with the Security Service. He gave him training in anti-surveillance.

Equipment

31. Apart from the money to buy a camera, [REDACTED] gave PARELLIC no equipment. It was possible that PARELLIC was given equipment later on.

Secret Writing/Live Letter Boxes

32. [REDACTED] did not instruct PARELLIC in secret writing. He did show him how to make cryptic diary notes giving details of their next meeting. [REDACTED] did not give him any LLB addresses abroad.

Trips Abroad

33. As well as Vienna, [REDACTED] knew that PARELLIC went to the USA in 1976/77. This was before he entered EMI. [REDACTED] asked him to write a letter to his American girlfriend and ask for an invitation to visit. [REDACTED] paid for the trip, hoping that PARELLIC may make contacts for a future job there. Nothing came of this and all PARELLIC was able to give [REDACTED] afterwards was simple information concerning USA customs procedures. [REDACTED] also remembered that PARELLIC had visited Portugal. He was tasked to clear a DLB from an area prohibited to Russians. This was a loyalty test. This was before the security test in Austria. PARELLIC travelled under his own name.

PARELLIC's Wife

34. PARELLIC married soon after [REDACTED]'s departure from UK. [REDACTED] thinks that this was the same girl with whom PARELLIC had been having earlier problems. [REDACTED] is not certain that PARELLIC's wife was aware of PARELLIC's relationship with the Soviets but he thinks it likely. He considers PARELLIC's Wife (Pam) as having the stronger character and PARELLIC is therefore subordinate to her.

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