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3. 1282 5944 Matlock/Leningrad & Travel Advisory
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pass attachments to Larry Speakes."
8/4 - Tom has informed Carol of RCM's approval
and sent Tabs A & B to Larry Speakes.

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Leningrad Travel Advisory

1. The Department of State advises that during the past few months, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of incidents of harassment involving Americans in the Soviet Union. The majority of serious incidents has occurred in the Leningrad area. There have been several cases of unlawful detention of tourists by the Soviet security organs following innocent contacts with Soviet citizens. During detention Americans have been denied their rights, under the US-USSR Consular Convention, to communicate with an American Consular officer and to be visited by him without delay. American tourists have also been subjected to arbitrary and in many cases unjustifiably embarrassing searches of their personal effects when arriving or departing from Leningrad's international airport. The Soviet authorities have not responded in a satisfactory manner to our urgent requests that they act immediately to correct this situation. Americans travelling to the Leningrad area should be aware that their rights as foreign tourists and the protections afforded them under the US-USSR Consular Convention are not being respected by the Soviet authorities.

2. Expiration date: indefinite.

LENINGRAD TRAVEL ADVISORY

(After issuing the attached Leningrad Travel Advisory)

Q: Is this connected with our disappointment over the Soviet position on outer space talks in Vienna?

A: No, it has no connection.

Q: Why then are you doing this now?

A: There have been several serious incidents in the Soviet Union over the past few months involving American tourists and officials that show a disturbing pattern of official involvement in a campaign to harass and isolate Americans in the Soviet Union. We have brought this matter up with the Soviets on numerous occasions, but have not received a satisfactory response.

Most recently, there was a serious incident in Leningrad involving one of our U.S. Marine Guards. The Marine in question, who was off duty, had left the Consulate building to investigate a suspicious vehicle that had been circling the Consulate. Two blocks from the Consulate, he was surrounded by militiamen and plainclothesmen, beaten, and taken to a police station. He has since been released by the authorities, and does not require hospitalization. The incident was a clear set-up, and was without any

provocation whatsoever. In effect, we now have a situation in Leningrad in which Soviet "goon squads" clearly sent by the security apparat are cruising the neighborhood waiting to pick a fight with Americans who venture off Consulate grounds. This an intolerable situation.

Q: Could you provide us with any more details of this or other incidents which have occurred recently?

A: There have been a significant number of incidents of varying seriousness in recent months, many involving private citizens. It would be inappropriate for me to discuss these incidents in any more detail at this time.

Q: Why are you issuing a travel advisory for tourists if the most recent incident you refer to involved a member of the Consulate General staff?

A: The incident involving our Marine is symptomatic of a broader problem we face: a pattern of official harassment against all Americans in the Leningrad area. Therefore, we believe a travel advisory will be necessary until the overall situation improves.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD ASSAULTED AND DETAINED

REFS: (A) Leningrad 1834, (B) Leningrad 1667

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL, WAS ASSAULTED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:15 A.M. ON AUGUST 2 BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR SOVIET MILITIA OFFICERS. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD FOLLOWED ON FOOT A SUSPICIOUS AUTOMOBILE THAT HAD BEEN CIRCLING BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL. WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL, A MILITIA CAR APPROACHED FROM BEHIND WHILE THE MEN IN THE OTHER CAR RAN TOWARDS HIM. THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL AND THE MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES REPEATEDLY HIT AND KICKED HIM WHILE HE WAS BEING HELD. AFTER ABOUT ONE MINUTE, THE MILITIA PUT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THEIR VEHICLE AS HE WAS STILL BEING ASSAULTED BY THE OTHER MEN. THE ENTIRE TIME A PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK PICTURES OF THE INCIDENT. SGT. CAMPBELL DOES NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION.

3. AFTER THE ASSAULT THE MILITIA TOOK SGT. CAMPBELL TO A NEAR-BY MILITIA STATION. AT 5:30 A.M. ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER HARMS WAS CALLED BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, M.A. VYBORNOV. VYBORNOV REQUESTED THAT HARMS COME TO THE MILITIA STATION TO PICK UP SGT. CAMPBELL, WHO, ALTHOUGH IDENTIFIED BY VYBORNOV, DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS PICKED UP BY THE MILITIA BECAUSE HE WAS SEEN THROWING A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNNY PROSPEKT. VYBORNOV CLAIMED SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK AND WAS YELLING INSULTING WORDS AT THE TIME. HAVING INTERVIEWED SGT. CAMPBELL AND OTHER MSG'S WHO WERE AWARE OF PARTS OF THE INCIDENT, THE CONSUL GENERAL INTENDS TO LODGE A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND REQUESTS THAT SIMILAR PROTESTS BE MADE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AT HIGH LEVELS. END SUMMARY.

4. ON AUGUST 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 0300, CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL WAS ASSAULTED NEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR MILITIAMEN. PARAGRAPHS 5 THROUGH 8 BELOW CONTAIN THE FACTS OF THE INCIDENT AS RELATED BY SGT. CAMPBELL TO RSO JACKSON.

5. SGT CAMPBELL WORKED THE 1600-2400 SHIFT ON AUGUST 1ST.

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HE WAS RELIEVED BY CPL. HOFFMAN AT 2400 HRS. AT APPROXIMATELY 0005 HE WENT TO HIS ROOM AND CHANGED HIS CLOTHES. AT 0015 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE BAP AREA TO RECORD SOME MUSIC (ALSO PRESENT WERE CPL. PITTMAN AND SGT. FRISINA). AT APPROXIMATELY 0115 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE TELEVISION ROOM TO WATCH TV. CPL. PITTMAN WAS ALSO PRESENT; SGT. FRISINA HAD GONE TO BED AT APPROXIMATELY 0100. AT APPROXIMATELY 0230 SGT. CAMPBELL WENT FOR A WALK IN THE LOCAL AREA FOR 20 MINUTES. UPON RETURNING TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL, HE STOPPED TO TALK WITH SGT. JONES AT THE TEMPORARY MSG POST IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. SGT. JONES INFORMED HIM THAT A BEIGE VEHICLE HAD BEEN CIRCLING THE AREA AT LEAST THREE TIMES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BEIGE VEHICLE APPEARED AGAIN AND STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE VEHICLE HAD THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, MALE PASSENGERS DRESSED IN SUITS AND TIES. SGT. CAMPBELL APPROACHED THE VEHICLE AND ASKED THEM IF SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND IF HE COULD HELP THEM. HE DID THIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM AS SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE NOT NORMAL. THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND, UPON BEING ASKED WHAT WAS WRONG, STATED IN RUSSIAN THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND. THE VEHICLE THEN DROVE WEST APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS AND SLOWED TO A STOP. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE IN AN EFFORT TO LET THEM KNOW HIS CONCERN ABOUT THEM STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. BEFORE HE REACHED THE VEHICLE THEY DROVE AN ADDITIONAL 400-500 YARDS DOWNTOWN TO THE CORNER OF LITEYNNY PROSPEKT AND PETRA LAVROVA. AT THIS TIME THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE MOTIONED TO SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM BY WAVING THEIR ARMS OUT OF THE CAR WINDOWS (BOTH SIDES). SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE, BUT WHEN HE WAS WITHIN 100 YARDS OF IT, THE VEHICLE DROVE AROUND THE CORNER AND DISAPPEARED FROM HIS SIGHT.

6. BECOMING CURIOUS, SGT. CAMPBELL RAN DOWN TO THE CORNER TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. UPON REACHING THE CORNER HE NOTICED THE CAR AGAIN APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FURTHER DOWN LITEYNNY. THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE VEHICLE AGAIN MOTIONED FOR SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM. AT THIS TIME HE OBSERVED A MILITIA VEHICLE APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH ON LITEYNNY. THE MILITIA VEHICLE SLOWED DOWN UPON SEEING SGT. CAMPBELL; AT THE SAME TIME THE BEIGE VEHICLE BACKED UP ABOUT 5 FEET. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS WATCHING THE CAR BACK UP, THE MILITIA VEHICLE MADE A U-TURN AND CAME UP BEHIND HIM. BEFORE THE MILITIA VEHICLE CAME ALONG SIDE, THREE MEN GOT OUT OF THE BEIGE VEHICLE AND RAN TOWARD SGT. CAMPBELL YELLING SOMETHING. AT THE SAME TIME FOUR MILITIAMEN GOT OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE ALONG SIDE HIM. TWO OF THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL, HOLDING HIS ARMS AT HIS SIDE. BY THIS TIME THE THREE MEN FROM THE BEIGE VEHICLE HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ONE OF THESE MEN HIT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THE LEFT EYE. AT THE SAME TIME THE MILITIAMEN FORCED HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK AND BEGAN FORCING HIM TO THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE. ONE OF THE THREE MEN ALSO GRABBED HIS SHIRT, RIPPING IT WHILE FORCING HIM AGAINST THE VEHICLE. THE MILITIAMEN DID NOTHING TO ASSIST OTHER THAN TO HOLD HIM. HE WAS THROWN AGAINST THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE WHERE HE WAS KICKED REPEATEDLY BY ALL THREE MEN IN SUITS. THE KICKS WERE DIRECTED MOSTLY AT HIS LEGS, GROIN AND BACK. THIS LASTED APPROXIMATELY 1 MINUTE. SGT. CAMPBELL RECALLS THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS PRESENT AND TOOK FLASH PICTURES OF THE BEATING. HE WAS THEN FORCED INTO THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE BY THE MILITIAMEN. THE OTHER THREE MEN WERE STILL HITTING AND KICKING AT HIM AT THIS TIME. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE, THE MEN STILL ATTEMPTED TO HIT HIM, THROWING NUMEROUS BLOWS.

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7. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS ASSISTED BY THE MILITIAMEN IN SHUTTING THE DOOR. HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL JAIL APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES TRAVELING TIME. WHILE EXITING THE MILITIA VEHICLE, THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS AGAIN PRESENT TAKING NUMEROUS PICTURES. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO HIDE HIS FACE AT THIS TIME. HE WAS PUT INTO A JAIL CELL OCCUPIED BY SIX SLEEPING SOVIETS. WHEN THE JAIL DOOR WAS CLOSED, SGT. CAMPBELL INFORMED THE MILITIA OFFICERS PRESENT IN RUSSIAN THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT. HE ALSO GAVE THE CONGEN TELEPHONE NUMBER IN RUSSIAN. HE REPEATEDLY ASKED TO MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AND WAS LAUGHED AT. THE ENTIRE TIME HE WAS HUMILIATED AND JEERED AT. THE PHOTOGRAPHER CONTINUALLY TOOK PICTURES WHILE HE WAS IN THE JAIL CELL. ALSO PRESENT AT THE JAIL WERE THE THREE MEN THAT BEAT HIM, WHO WERE LAUGHING AND POINTING AT HIM. AT SOME POINT, APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER, A MAN (PRESUMABLY M.A. VYBORNOV OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY) APPEARED AT THE CELL AND ASKED IN ENGLISH IF HE WAS RON CAMPBELL. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED HIS NAME. THE MAN SAID "WE CALL MR. MAGEE" AND CAMPBELL RESPONDED "YES, PLEASE."

8. A SHORT TIME LATER HE WAS INFORMED THAT THEY COULD NOT REACH MR. MAGEE AND THAT MR. HARMS WAS ON HIS WAY. THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND THE MEN WHO BEAT SGT. CAMPBELL DISAPPEARED JUST PRIOR TO MR. HARMS' ARRIVAL. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NEVER ASKED HIS NAME OR HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION DURING THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. BECAUSE HE HAD NOT INTENDED TO GO OUT ANYWHERE, SGT. CAMPBELL HAD LEFT HIS DIPLOMATIC KARTOCHKA IN HIS ROOM.

9. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 M.A. VYBORNOV, ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, CALLED RONALD HARMS, ACTING DPO OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS AT THE MILITIA STATION ON CHEKOV STREET AND ASKED THAT HARMS COME GET HIM. VYBORNOV STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SGT. CAMPBELL DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM. HARMS REQUESTED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY, BUT VYBORNOV REFUSED INSISTING THAT HARMS COME TO THE STATION.

10. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP SGT. CAMPBELL AT 3:15 WHEN THEY SAW HIM THROW A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNY PROSPEKT. THE MILITIA CLAIMED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK, AND WAS LOUDLY SHOUTING OBSCENITIES. REFERRING TO THE PRIOR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SGT. CAMPBELL (REF A), VYBORNOV SAID, "THIS IS ANOTHER SERIOUS HOOLIGAN ACT BY CAMPBELL. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER." CAMPBELL WAS THEN RELEASED AND RETURNED WITH HARMS TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

11. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS OF SGT. FRISINA, SGT. JONES, AND CPL. PITTMAN ALL INDICATE THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. CPL. PITTMAN ADVISED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL HAD HAD TWO MIXED DRINKS PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING THE CONSULATE. SGT. JONES SAID THAT HE TALKED WITH SGT. CAMPBELL JUST PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT AND THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT THE LEAST BIT INTOXICATED AND WAS IN "COMPLETE CONTROL". ADDITIONALLY, RSO JACKSON AND ACTING DPO HARMS OBSERVED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS COMPLETELY SOBER AT 0600.

12. CG'S COMMENT: I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY PROTEST THIS INCIDENT IN STRONGEST TERMS AND AT VERY HIGH LEVELS. I WILL BE PROTESTING TO THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HERE AS SOON AS I CAN GET AN APPOINTMENT. THIS IS THE UGLIEST AND MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT TO OCCUR IN LENINGRAD DURING MY SIX MONTHS HERE, AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR IT. THE PHYSICAL BEATING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HUMILIATION TO WHICH

SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SUBJECTED WAS APPALLING BY ANY CIVILIZED STANDARD. THE LENINGRAD SECURITY ORGANS ARE THREATENING TO GET TOTALLY OUT OF HAND. WE ARE NOW TREATED TO THE SPECTACLE OF SOVIET "GOON" SQUADS CRUISING THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT NIGHT, PRIMED TO PROVOKE FURTHER INCIDENTS AND PHYSICALLY HARM MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF WHO VENTURE OFF-COMPOUND. I AM SERIOUSLY WORRIED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE MARINE GUARD WHO WILL BE ON DUTY AT NIGHT OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL THE FACADE AND ROOF REPAIR PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

13. THIS INCIDENT AND THE OTHER RECENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OUR MSG'S (REFS A AND B) INDICATE THAT THERE IS A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO HARASS AND DEMORALIZE THESE YOUNG MEN. SINCE THE SECOND ALLEGED INCIDENT (REF A), OUR MSG'S HAVE RECEIVED "LOCK-STEP" SURVEILLANCE EVERYWHERE THEY GO. ALL OF THIS HAS HAD A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THEIR MORALE. FOR THE PRESENT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESTRICT THE MARINES TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL COMPOUND TO PREVENT FURTHER HARASSMENT OR ASSAULTS, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT LIKE TO GIVE IN TO SOVIET PRESSURES IN THIS WAY. BUT IT IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR OUR MARINES TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND EVEN TO TAKE A SHORT WALK AROUND THE BLOCK. THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES HAVE GOT TO BE MADE TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, AND TO STOP THESE CRUDE SET-UPS WHICH HAVE SEVERAL TIMES RESULTED IN PHYSICAL INJURY.
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSEBY COB PARA DATE 6/5/83SUBJECT: Travel Advisory and Press Q's and A's
on the Situation in Leningrad

This morning a Marine Security Guard at our Consulate General in Leningrad was lured away from the vicinity of the Consulate building and beaten up by militiamen and plain-clothesmen (see reporting cable at Tab C). The incident was an obvious set-up, and is one of the more egregious examples of official harassment in recent memory, although there have been a number of serious incidents of official harassment involving both American tourists and Consulate General officials in past months.

We have been considering whether to issue a travel advisory about the Leningrad situation for some time, and had warned the Soviets on a number of occasions that unless they took immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of such harassment incidents, there would be significant consequences. We now believe that, on the basis of this latest episode, we should go forward with a strong travel advisory on conditions in Leningrad. Our Embassy has been consulted and agrees.

Under Secretary Armacost met with Soviet Charge Oleg Sokolov at noon today to read him the riot act over this and other recent Leningrad incidents, as well as the problems we are having in Moscow. Armacost told Sokolov that we protested this act in the strongest terms and said we had warned them that if this harassment had to stop or serious consequences would follow. Our Embassy and Consulate General also plan to deliver strong protests. We intend to follow up by issuing the attached travel advisory (Tab A) tomorrow. Short Q's and A's are also attached (Tab B).

Richard D. Kuzla
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Tab A - Travel Advisory
2. Tab B - Q's and A's
3. Tab C - Leningrad 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Travel Advisory and Press Q's and A's
on the Situation in Leningrad

This morning a Marine Security Guard at our Consulate General in Leningrad was lured away from the vicinity of the Consulate building and beaten up by militiamen and plain-clothesmen (see reporting cable at Tab C). The incident was an obvious set-up, and is one of the more egregious examples of official harassment in recent memory, although there have been a number of serious incidents of official harassment involving both American tourists and Consulate General officials in past months.

We have been considering whether to issue a travel advisory about the Leningrad situation for some time, and had warned the Soviets on a number of occasions that unless they took immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of such harassment incidents, there would be significant consequences. We now believe that, on the basis of this latest episode, we should go forward with a strong travel advisory on conditions in Leningrad. Our Embassy has been consulted and agrees.

Under Secretary Armacost met with Soviet Charge Oleg Sokolov at noon today to read him the riot act over this and other recent Leningrad incidents, as well as the problems we are having in Moscow. Armacost told Sokolov that we protested this act in the strongest terms and said we had warned them that if this harassment had to stop or serious consequences would follow. Our Embassy and Consulate General also plan to deliver strong protests. We intend to follow up by issuing the attached travel advisory (Tab A) tomorrow. Short Q's and A's are also attached (Tab B).

Richard D. Kautz
in Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Tab A - Travel Advisory
2. Tab B - Q's and A's
3. Tab C - Leningrad 2000

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Leningrad Travel Advisory

1. The Department of State advises that during the past few months, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of incidents of harassment involving Americans in the Soviet Union. The majority of serious incidents has occurred in the Leningrad area. There have been several cases of unlawful detention of tourists by the Soviet security organs following innocent contacts with Soviet citizens. During detention Americans have been denied their rights, under the US-USSR Consular Convention, to communicate with an American Consular officer and to be visited by him without delay. American tourists have also been subjected to arbitrary and in many cases unjustifiably embarrassing searches of their personal effects when arriving or departing from Leningrad's international airport. The Soviet authorities have not responded in a satisfactory manner to our urgent requests that they act immediately to correct this situation. Americans travelling to the Leningrad area should be aware that their rights as foreign tourists and the protections afforded them under the US-USSR Consular Convention are not being respected by the Soviet authorities.

2. Expiration date: indefinite.

August 3, 1984

LENINGRAD TRAVEL ADVISORY

(After issuing the attached Leningrad Travel Advisory)

Q: Is this connected with our disappointment over the Soviet position on outer space talks in Vienna?

A: No, it has no connection.

Q: Why then are you doing this now?

A: There have been several serious incidents in the Soviet Union over the past few months involving American tourists and officials that show a disturbing pattern of official involvement in a campaign to harass and isolate Americans in the Soviet Union. We have brought this matter up with the Soviets on numerous occasions, but have not received a satisfactory response.

Most recently, there was a serious incident in Leningrad involving one of our U.S. Marine Guards. The Marine in question, who was off duty, had left the Consulate building to investigate a suspicious vehicle that had been circling the Consulate. Two blocks from the Consulate, he was surrounded by militiamen and plainclothesmen, beaten, and taken to a police station. He has since been released by the authorities, and does not require hospitalization. The incident was a clear set-up, and was without any

provocation whatsoever. In effect, we now have a situation in Leningrad in which Soviet "goon squads" clearly sent by the security apparat are cruising the neighborhood waiting to pick a fight with Americans who venture off Consulate grounds. This an intolerable situation.

Q: Could you provide us with any more details of this or other incidents which have occurred recently?

A: There have been a significant number of incidents of varying seriousness in recent months, many involving private citizens. It would be inappropriate for me to discuss these incidents in any more detail at this time.

Q: Why are you issuing a travel advisory for tourists if the most recent incident you refer to involved a member of the Consulate General staff?

A: The incident involving our Marine is symptomatic of a broader problem we face: a pattern of official harassment against all Americans in the Leningrad area. Therefore, we believe a travel advisory will be necessary until the overall situation improves.

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2. SUMMARY: CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL, WAS ASSAULTED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:15 A.M. ON AUGUST 2 BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR SOVIET MILITIA OFFICERS. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD FOLLOWED ON FOOT A SUSPICIOUS AUTOMOBILE THAT HAD BEEN CIRCLING BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL. WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL, A MILITIA CAR APPROACHED FROM BEHIND WHILE THE MEN IN THE OTHER CAR RAN TOWARDS HIM. THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL AND THE MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES REPEATEDLY HIT AND KICKED HIM WHILE HE WAS BEING HELD. AFTER ABOUT ONE MINUTE,

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THE MILITIA PUT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THEIR VEHICLE AS HE WAS STILL BEING ASSAULTED BY THE OTHER MEN. THE ENTIRE TIME A PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK PICTURES OF THE INCIDENT. SGT. CAMPBELL DOES NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION.

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3. AFTER THE ASSAULT THE MILITIA TOOK SGT. CAMPBELL TO A NEAR-BY MILITIA STATION. AT 5:30 A.M. ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER HARMS WAS CALLED BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, M. A. VYBORNOV. VYBORNOV REQUESTED THAT HARMS COME TO THE MILITIA STATION TO PICK UP SGT. CAMPBELL, WHO, ALTHOUGH IDENTIFIED BY VYBORNOV, DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS PICKED UP BY THE MILITIA BECAUSE HE WAS SEEN THROWING A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNNY PROSPEKT. VYBORNOV CLAIMED SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK AND WAS YELLING INSULTING WORDS AT THE TIME. HAVING INTERVIEWED SGT. CAMPBELL AND OTHER MSG'S WHO WERE AWARE OF PARTS OF THE INCIDENT, THE CONSUL GENERAL INTENDS TO LODGE A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND REQUESTS THAT SIMILAR PROTESTS BE MADE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AT HIGH LEVELS. END SUMMARY.

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4. ON AUGUST 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 0300, CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL WAS ASSAULTED NEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR MILITIAMEN. PARAGRAPHS 5 THROUGH 8 BELOW CONTAIN THE FACTS OF THE INCIDENT AS RELATED BY SGT. CAMPBELL TO RSO JACKSON.

5. SGT CAMPBELL WORKED THE 1600-2400 SHIFT ON AUGUST 1ST. HE WAS RELIEVED BY CPL. HOFFMAN AT 2400 HRS. AT APPROXIMATELY 0005 HE WENT TO HIS ROOM AND CHANGED HIS CLOTHES. AT 0015 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE BAR AREA TO

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RECORD SOME MUSIC (ALSO PRESENT WERE CPL. PITTMAN AND SGT. FRISINA). AT APPROXIMATELY 0115 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE TELEVISION ROOM TO WATCH TV. CPL. PITTMAN WAS ALSO PRESENT; SGT. FRISINA HAD GONE TO BED AT APPROXIMATELY 0100. AT APPROXIMATELY 0230 SGT. CAMPBELL WENT FOR A WALK IN THE LOCAL AREA FOR 20 MINUTES. UPON RETURNING TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL, HE STOPPED TO TALK WITH SGT. JONES AT THE TEMPORARY MSG POST IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. SGT. JONES INFORMED HIM THAT A BEIGE VEHICLE HAD BEEN CIRCLING THE AREA AT LEAST THREE TIMES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BEIGE VEHICLE APPEARED AGAIN AND STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE VEHICLE HAD THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, MALE PASSENGERS DRESSED IN SUITS AND TIES. SGT. CAMPBELL APPROACHED THE VEHICLE AND ASKED THEM IF SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND IF HE COULD HELP THEM. HE DID THIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM AS SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE NOT NORMAL. THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND, UPON BEING ASKED WHAT WAS WRONG, STATED IN RUSSIAN THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND. THE VEHICLE THEN DROVE WEST APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS AND SLOWED TO A STOP. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE IN AN EFFORT TO LET THEM KNOW HIS CONCERN ABOUT THEM STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. BEFORE HE REACHED THE VEHICLE THEY DROVE AN ADDITIONAL 400-500 YARDS DOWNTOWN TO THE CORNER OF LITEYNY PROSPEKT AND PETRA LAVROVA. AT THIS TIME THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE MOTIONED TO SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM BY WAVING THEIR ARMS OUT OF THE CAR WINDOWS (BOTH SIDES). SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE, BUT WHEN HE WAS WITHIN 100 YARDS OF IT, THE VEHICLE DROVE AROUND THE CORNER AND DISAPPEARED FROM HIS SIGHT.

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6. BECOMING CURIOUS, SGT. CAMPBELL RAN DOWN TO THE CORNER TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. UPON REACHING THE CORNER HE
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LITEYNY. THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE VEHICLE AGAIN MOTIONED
FOR SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM. AT THIS TIME HE OB-
SERVED A MILITIA VEHICLE APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH ON
LITEYNY. THE MILITIA VEHICLE SLOWED DOWN UPON SEEING
SGT. CAMPBELL; AT THE SAME TIME THE BEIGE VEHICLE BACKED
UP ABOUT 5 FEET. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS WATCHING THE
CAR BACK UP, THE MILITIA VEHICLE MADE A U-TURN AND CAME
UP BEHIND HIM. BEFORE THE MILITIA VEHICLE CAME ALONG SIDE,
THREE MEN GOT OUT OF THE BEIGE VEHICLE AND RAN TOWARD SGT.
CAMPBELL YELLING SOMETHING. AT THE SAME TIME FOUR MILITIA-
MEN GOT OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE ALONG SIDE HIM. TWO OF
THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL, HOLDING HIS ARMS AT
HIS SIDE. BY THIS TIME THE THREE MEN FROM THE BEIGE
VEHICLE HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ONE
OF THESE MEN HIT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THE LEFT EYE. AT THE

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SAME TIME THE MILITIAMEN FORCED HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK AND BEGAN FORCING HIM TO THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE. ONE OF THE THREE MEN ALSO GRABBED HIS SHIRT, RIPPING IT WHILE FORCING HIM AGAINST THE VEHICLE. THE MILITIAMEN DID NOTHING TO ASSIST OTHER THAN TO HOLD HIM. HE WAS THROWN AGAINST THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE WHERE HE WAS KICKED REPEATEDLY BY ALL THREE MEN IN SUITS. THE KICKS WERE DIRECTED MOSTLY AT HIS LEGS, GROIN AND BACK. THIS LASTED APPROXIMATELY 1 MINUTE. SGT. CAMPBELL RECALLS THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS PRESENT AND TOOK FLASH PICTURES OF THE BEATING. HE WAS THEN FORCED INTO THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE BY THE MILITIAMEN. THE OTHER THREE MEN WERE STILL HITTING AND KICKING AT HIM AT THIS TIME. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE, THE MEN STILL ATTEMPTED TO HIT HIM, THROWING NUMEROUS BLOWS.

7. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS ASSISTED BY THE MILITIAMEN IN SHUTTING THE DOOR. HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL JAIL APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES TRAVELING TIME. WHILE EXITING THE MILITIA VEHICLE, THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS AGAIN PRESENT TAKING NUMEROUS PICTURES. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO HIDE HIS FACE AT THIS TIME. HE WAS PUT INTO A JAIL CELL OCCUPIED BY SIX SLEEPING SOVIETS. WHEN THE JAIL DOOR WAS CLOSED, SGT. CAMPBELL INFORMED THE MILITIA OFFICERS PRESENT IN RUSSIAN THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT. HE ALSO GAVE THE CONGEN TELEPHONE NUMBER IN RUSSIAN. HE REPEATEDLY ASKED TO MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AND WAS LAUGHED AT. THE ENTIRE TIME HE WAS HUMILIATED AND JEERED AT. THE PHOTOGRAPHER CONTINUALLY TOOK PICTURES WHILE HE WAS IN THE JAIL CELL. ALSO PRESENT AT THE JAIL WERE THE THREE MEN THAT BEAT HIM, WHO WERE LAUGHING AND POINTING AT HIM. AT SOME POINT, APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER, A MAN (PRESUMABLY M. A. VYBORNOV OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY) APPEARED AT THE CELL AND ASKED IN ENGLISH IF HE WAS RON CAMPBELL. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED HIS NAME. THE

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MAN SAID "WE CALL MR. MAGEE" AND CAMPBELL RESPONDED "YES, PLEASE."

8. A SHORT TIME LATER HE WAS INFORMED THAT THEY COULD NOT REACH MR. MAGEE AND THAT MR. HARMS WAS ON HIS WAY. THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND THE MEN WHO BEAT SGT. CAMPBELL DISAPPEARED JUST PRIOR TO MR. HARMS' ARRIVAL. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NEVER ASKED HIS NAME OR HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION DURING THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. BECAUSE HE HAD NOT INTENDED TO GO OUT ANYWHERE, SGT. CAMPBELL HAD LEFT HIS DIPLOMATIC KARTOCHKA IN HIS ROOM.

9. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 M.A. VYBORNOV, ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, CALLED RONALD HARMS, ACTING DPO OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS AT THE MILITIA STATION ON CHEKOV STREET AND ASKED THAT HARMS COME GET HIM. VYBORNOV STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SGT. CAMPBELL DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM. HARMS REQUESTED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY, BUT VYBORNOV REFUSED INSISTING THAT HARMS COME TO THE STATION.

10. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP SGT. CAMPBELL AT 3:15 WHEN THEY SAW HIM THROW A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNYY PROSPEKT. THE MILITIA CLAIMED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY

DRUNK, AND WAS LOUDLY SHOUTING OBSCENITIES. REFERRING TO THE PRIOR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SGT. CAMPBELL (REF A), VYBORNOV SAID, "THIS IS ANOTHER SERIOUS HOOLIGAN ACT BY CAMPBELL. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER." CAMPBELL

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LATE GENERAL.

11. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS OF SGT. FRISINA, SGT. JONES, AND CPL. PITTMAN ALL INDICATE THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. CPL. PITTMAN ADVISED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL HAD HAD TWO MIXED DRINKS PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING THE CONSULATE. SGT. JONES SAID THAT HE TALKED WITH SGT. CAMPBELL JUST PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT AND THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT THE LEAST BIT INTOXICATED AND WAS IN "COMPLETE CONTROL". ADDITIONALLY, RSO JACKSON AND ACTING DPO HARMS OBSERVED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS COMPLETELY SOBER AT 0600.

12. CG'S COMMENT: I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY PROTEST THIS INCIDENT IN

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STRONGEST TERMS AND AT VERY HIGH LEVELS. I WILL BE PROTESTING TO THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HERE AS SOON AS I CAN GET AN APPOINTMENT. THIS IS THE UGLIEST AND MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT TO OCCUR IN LENINGRAD DURING MY SIX MONTHS HERE, AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR IT. THE PHYSICAL BEATING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HUMILIATION TO WHICH SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SUBJECTED WAS APPALING BY ANY CIVILIZED STANDARD. THE LENINGRAD SECURITY ORGANS ARE THREATENING TO GET TOTALLY OUT OF HAND. WE ARE NOW TREATED TO THE SPECTACLE OF SOVIET "GOON" SQUADS CRUISING THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT NIGHT, PRIMED TO PROVOKE FURTHER INCIDENTS AND PHYSICALLY HARM MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF WHO VENTURE OFF-COMPOUND. I AM SERIOUSLY WORRIED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE MARINE GUARD WHO WILL BE ON DUTY AT NIGHT OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL THE FACADE AND ROOF REPAIR PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

13. THIS INCIDENT AND THE OTHER RECENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OUR MSG'S (REFS A AND B) INDICATE THAT THERE IS A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO HARASS AND DEMORALIZE THESE YOUNG MEN. SINCE THE SECOND ALLEGED INCIDENT (REF A), OUR MSG'S HAVE RECEIVED "LOCK-STEP" SURVEILLANCE EVERYWHERE THEY GO. ALL OF THIS HAS HAD A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THEIR MORALE. FOR THE PRESENT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESTRICT THE MARINES TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL COMPOUND TO PREVENT FURTHER HARASSMENT OR ASSAULTS, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT LIKE TO GIVE IN TO SOVIET PRESSURES IN THIS WAY. BUT IT IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR OUR MARINES TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND EVEN TO TAKE A SHORT WALK AROUND THE BLOCK. THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES HAVE GOT TO BE MADE TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, AND TO STOP THESE CRUDE SET-UPS WHICH HAVE SEVERAL TIMES RESULTED IN PHYSICAL INJURY.

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PROTEST ON LENINGRAD MSG ASSAULT
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1. ~~(C)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY: DCM DELIVERED STRONG PROTEST TO MFA USA DEPARTMENT CHIEF BESSMERTNYKH ON AUGUST 3 CONCERNING THE BEATING AND DETENTION OF MSG CAMPBELL IN LENINGRAD THE PREVIOUS DAY. IN FORMAL NOTE, EMBASSY DEMANDED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIMINAL ASSAULT BE DULY PUNISHED; THAT THE MINISTRY TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO HALT THE CONTINUED BLATANT AND WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL; AND THAT THE CLEARLY DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT DIRECTED AT THE MSG'S CEASE IMMEDIATELY. BESSMERTNYKH

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DISPUTED THE U.S. INTERPRETATION OF THE FACTS OF THE AUGUST 2 INCIDENT--WITHOUT DENYING, HOWEVER, THAT CAMPBELL HAD BEEN BEATEN AND DETAINED FOR TWO HOURS--AND REJECTED THE CONTENTION THAT THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES WERE ENGAGED IN A DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT. HE IN TURN DEMANDED THAT THE EMBASSY TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF THE MSG'S, WHICH, HE DECLARED, HAD AROUSED THE INDIGNATION OF THE LOCAL CITIZENRY, AND SPECULATED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS DELIBERATELY INSTIGATING IMPROPER CONDUCT BY THE MSG'S AS A PRETEXT FOR RAISING UNWARRANTED PROTESTS. DCM VIGOROUSLY REJECTED THIS LATTER CHARGE, AND REITERATED OUR CONVICTION, BASED ON THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES HAD INDEED MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN OF DELIBERATE HARASSMENT. HE WARNED THAT CONTINUATION OF THIS CAMPAIGN COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. END SUMMARY.

3. DCM MET WITH MFA USA DEPARTMENT CHIEF BESSMERTNYKH AUGUST 3 TO PRESENT A NOTE (TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 10) PROTESTING THE AUGUST 2 ASSAULT ON MARINE SECURITY GUARD CAMPBELL IN LENINGRAD (REF A). BY WAY OF PRELIMINARY REMARKS, DCM STRESSED THAT THIS WAS THE MOST SERIOUS OF A NUMBER OF RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING OUR MSG'S AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF IN LENINGRAD AND THAT WE WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE PATTERN OF DELIBERATE HARASSMENT THAT WAS DEVELOPING. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LENINGRAD HAD PLAINLY TAKEN IT INTO THEIR OWN HANDS TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED VIS-A-VIS MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. AFTER READING THE PROTEST NOTE, BESSMERTNYKH SAID THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT IT SINCE IT DID NOT REFLECT THE "REAL" STATE OF AFFAIRS. CAMPBELL HAD BEEN DRUNK AND HAD ATTEMPTED TO STOP A CAR AND HARASS ITS OCCUPANTS.

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MOREOVER, HE HAD HAD NO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION, SO THE MILITIA COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHO HE WAS. BESSMERTNYKH SAID THAT HE HAD IN FACT BEEN ABOUT TO CALL IN THE DCM TO RAISE THIS INCIDENT AND MORE GENERALLY THE OVERALL CONDUCT OF THE MSG'S, WHICH WAS AROUSING THE INDIGNATION OF THE CITIZENRY OF LENINGRAD. HE CONFESSED TO HAVING NO READY EXPLANATION FOR THE "UNCONTROLLED" BEHAVIOR OF THE MSG'S, BUT SPECULATED THAT THIS WAS ENCOURAGED AND DEFENDED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE EMBASSY AS A PRETEXT FOR POLITICAL PROTESTS EXACERBATING U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS. BESSMERTNYKH FIRMLY DENIED THAT THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES WERE INTENTIONALLY HARASSING MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, AND DEMANDED THAT THE EMBASSY TAKE STEPS TO RESTORE ORDER AND CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF THE MSG'S.

5. DCM NOTED THAT BESSMERTNYKH HAD SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE FACT THAT CAMPBELL WAS DETAINED FOR TWO HOURS BY THE MILITIA AND THAT HE WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO TELEPHONE THE CONSULATE GENERAL. MOREOVER, IT WAS WELL-KNOWN TO THE PERPETRATORS OF THE INCIDENT THAT CAMPBELL WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, SINCE THEY HAD SEEN HIM COME OUT OF THE BUILDING AND HAD CONVERSED WITH HIM THERE. IN ITSELF, CAMPBELL'S DETENTION WAS A MAJOR VIOLATION OF HIS DIPLOMATIC STATUS. DCM SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE MILITIA MIGHT NOT WANT TO OWN UP

TO THEIR ACTIONS AND HAD THEREFORE CONCOCTED A FALSE ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT. HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT BUT THAT THE INCIDENT HAD BEEN PLANNED IN ADVANCE AND DELIBERATELY PROVOKED, AND THAT IT WAS PLAIN THAT NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS WERE LACKING IN LENINGRAD.

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6. BESSMERTNYKH DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY PRE-MEDITATION IN THIS INSTANCE. HE DEFENDED THE ACTIONS OF THE MILITIA BY NOTING THAT STANDARD PROCEDURES CALLED FOR THE APPREHENSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF
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DRUNKEN PERSONS. BESSMERTNYKH WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT
WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE EMBASSY TO RAISE THESE QUESTIONS
OF PERSONAL CONDUCT TO THE POLITICAL LEVEL. MEMBERS
OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL SHOULD BE ADVISED IN NO UN-
CERTAIN TERMS THAT THEY WERE TO OBSERVE SOVIET LAWS
AND TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONALLY-
ACCEPTED STANDARDS. HE NOTED THAT LENINGRAD HAD THE
REPUTATION OF BEING A VERY CIVILIZED CITY, AND THAT
THE POPULACE WAS NO LESS THAN OUTRAGED AT THE BEHAVIOR
OF THE MSG'S.

7. DCM REMINDED BESSMERTNYKH THAT IT HAS LONG BEEN OUR
POLICY TO REQUIRE OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN THE SOVIET UNION
THAT THEY RESPECT LOCAL LAWS AND GENERALLY CONDUCT
THEMSELVES CORRECTLY. HE POINTED OUT THAT, PROPORTIONATE-

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LY, THERE HAD BEEN MANY MORE PROBLEMS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN LENINGRAD THAN IN MOSCOW, WHICH SEEMED CLEARLY TO INDICATE THAT THE FAULT LAY NOT ON OUR SIDE BUT WITH THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES. MOREOVER, THERE HAD BEEN PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE CONSULATE GENERAL OVER THIS PERIOD WHILE THE LENINGRAD "ORGANS" REMAINED THE SAME. BESSMERTNYKH BRIEFLY DISPUTED WHETHER THERE WAS IN FACT SUCH A DISPROPORTION BETWEEN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH INCIDENTS, BUT THEN WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT, WHATEVER THE PROPORTION, THE INCIDENTS HAD TO CEASE.

8. IN A FURTHER REJOINDER, DCM DENIED THAT CAMPBELL HAD BEEN DRUNK AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THIS WE COULD DEMONSTRATE CONVINCINGLY. DCM STRESSED, IN ADDITION, THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO FOUNDATION TO CHARGES THAT WE HAD INSTIGATED SUCH INCIDENTS FOR POLITICAL REASONS. IT WAS OUR FIRM EXPECTATION THAT CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD IMPROVE, AND WE HAD NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER ARTIFICIALLY TO INFLATE INCIDENTS OR TURN THEM INTO POLITICAL PROBLEMS. BESSMERTNYKH ASSURED DCM THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD NO INTENTION OF COMPLICATING THE SITUATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, AND THAT THE MFA WAS FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE CLOSELY. HE REPEATED THAT CONDITIONS WOULD BE NORMAL IF ONLY THE MARINES WERE SUBJECTED TO THE PROPER CONTROL.

9. DCM REMARKED THAT WE HAD EXPECTED ON THE BASIS OF BESSMERTNYKH'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH VISITING EUR/SOV DIRECTOR SIMONS THAT THINGS WOULD BE GETTING BETTER IN LENINGRAD, BUT SUCH APPEARED NOT TO BE THE CASE. HE NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR UPON HEARING OF THE ASSAULT ON CAMPBELL HAD RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER UNDER CONSTANT PROVOCATION IT WAS WORTH OUR WHILE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD. CONTINUED

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INCIDENTS COULD NOT FAIL TO HAVE REPERCUSSIONS AS FAR AS THE SOVIET SIDE WAS CONCERNED. DCM TOOK NOTE IN CONCLUSION OF BESSMERTNYKH'S ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NO INTENT ON THE SOVIET PART TO PROVOKE INCIDENTS IN LENINGRAD AND THEREBY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A WORSENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPETITION OF SUCH HARASSMENT.

10. TEXT OF NOTE NO. MFA/51/84:

BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE FOLLOWING.

ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY ON JULY 26, THE EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTANCES OF BLATANT AND APPARENTLY WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND IMMUNITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD. IN SO DOING, THE EMBASSY HAS CALLED UPON THE MINISTRY TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LENINGRAD ARE MADE AWARE OF THE IMMUNITIES THAT PERTAIN TO DULY-ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND STRICTLY OBSERVE THEM IN PRACTICE.

THESE PROTESTS HAVE QUITE CLEARLY FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF AUGUST 2 A MARINE SECURITY GUARD OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL WAS SEIZED BY SEVEN MILITIAMEN ON A LENINGRAD STREET, ASSAULTED, AND BRUTALLY BEATEN. WHILE UNIFORMED MILITIAMEN HELD HIS ARMS, THREE OTHERS IN PLAIN CLOTHES REPEATEDLY KICKED HIM IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BODY. THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS ASSAULT KNEW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, SINCE THEY HAD EARLIER SEEN
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HIM COMING OUT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING.

DESPITE HIS PROTESTS, THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD WAS
FORCED INTO A CAR AND DRIVEN TO A LOCAL JAIL, WHERE HE
WAS THROWN INTO A CELL OCCUPIED BY SOVIET CITIZENS. IN
THE JAIL CELL HE WAS REPEATEDLY HUMILIATED AND TAUNTED,
WHILE HIS ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS AN AMERICAN
DIPLOMAT WERE IGNORED AND HIS REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION
TO TELEPHONE THE CONSULATE GENERAL WERE REJECTED. ONLY
AFTER SOME TWO HOURS HAD ELAPSED DID AN OFFICIAL OF THE
LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC AGENCY APPEAR ON THE SCENE AND MAKE
BELATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD TO
BE RELEASED. THIS OFFICIAL THEN HAD THE AUDACITY TO
INVENT A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MARINE SECURITY
GUARD HAD THROWN A ROCK AT A CAR AND HAD SHOUTED
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BY ANY STANDARDS THE ACTIONS OF THE LENINGRAD MILITIA AGAINST THIS MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONSTITUTE CRIMINAL ASSAULT, AND THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THESE SEVEN MILITIAMEN WERE NOT ACTING ON THEIR OWN, BUT WITH THE CONNIVANCE AND THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR SUPERIORS. IT IS PLAINLY CONTRARY TO ALL LEGAL NORMS AS WELL AS THE GROSSEST VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR A MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE STAFF TO BE SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL ASSAULT, DETENTION IN A JAIL CELL, AND HUMILIATION ON THE PART OF HIS CAPTORS.

THE EMBASSY PROTESTS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THIS FURTHER AND TO DATE THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. WE DEMAND THAT ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSAULT BE SWIFTLY BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND PUNISHED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUST EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES OF DULY-ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY OF THE USSR, AND MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING THESE BLATANT AND WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF SUCH RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES TO AN IMMEDIATE HALT.

FROM ALL THE EVIDENCE IT IS MANIFESTLY CLEAR THAT THIS MOST RECENT ASSAULT ON A MARINE SECURITY GUARD IN LENINGRAD WAS DELIBERATELY PROVOKED BY THE PERPETRATORS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT PREVIOUS SUCH INSTANCES OF BEATINGS AND DETENTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL WERE INTENTIONALLY INSTIGATED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR RESULTED FROM UNDISGUISED DISTORTIONS OF MINOR INCIDENTS. THE EMBASSY CAN ONLY DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES HAVE DELIBERATELY UNDERTAKEN A CAMPAIGN OF HARASSING MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND HAVE IN THIS CONNECTION EXPLICITLY CONDONED PHYSICAL BEATINGS, PROLONGED DETENTIONS, THE PRESENTATION OF TRUMPED-UP CHARGES,

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VIOLATION OF BASIC LEGAL NORMS, AND THE TRAMPLING OF
UNIVERSALLY-RECOGNIZED DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES.
WHATEVER THE ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY, THE
EMBASSY DEMANDS THAT IT CEASE FORTHWITH AND THAT THE
MINISTRY TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING ABOUT A
RESTORATION OF NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR UNITED
STATES DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN LENINGRAD.

THE EMBASSY REMINDS THE MINISTRY THAT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ANY REPERCUSSIONS OF THESE INCIDENTS AND OF THEIR
POSSIBLE REPETITION RESTS ENTIRELY WITH THE SOVIET SIDE.
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MOSCOW,
AUGUST 3, 1984. END TEXT. HARTMAN

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1. ~~(C)~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. ON AUGUST 2 CONSUL GENERAL MAGEE REJECTED A PROTEST BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY OVER THE ALLEGED HOOLIGAN ACTS OF SGT. CAMPBELL EARLIER THAT MORNING. THE CONSUL GENERAL THEN DELIVERED A STRONG PROTEST HIMSELF OVER THE PLANNED ASSAULT BY SOVIET ORGANS AND THE MILITIA AGAINST SGT. CAMPBELL. HE PROTESTED AS WELL THE DETENTION OF SGT. CAMPBELL AND DENIAL OF HIS RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. TOTALLY REJECTING THE SOVIETS' VERSION OF THE INCIDENT, THE CONSUL GENERAL SAID THAT SOVIET ORGANS

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WERE OUT OF CONTROL AND DEMANDED A GUARANTEE OF THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN LENINGRAD. END SUMMARY.

3. CONSUL GENERAL MAGEE CALLED ON THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, M. A. VYBORNOV, ON AUGUST 2 TO PROTEST THE ASSAULT ON CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG) RON CAMPBELL (REF A). VYBORNOV DID NOT RETURN THE CONSUL GENERAL'S CALLS UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON AND WHEN HE FINALLY DID CALL, HE REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL. THEREFORE AT THE MEETING, VYBORNOV REGISTERED THE SOVIETS' OFFICIAL PROTEST FIRST.
4. VYBORNOV BEGAN BY REVIEWING THE PREVIOUS ALLEGED INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONGEN MSG'S (REFS B AND C). HE COMPLAINED THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAD IGNORED THEIR DEMANDS THAT IMMEDIATE MEASURES BE TAKEN AGAINST THE MSG'S AND POINTED OUT THAT SGT. CAMPBELL'S HOOLIGAN ACTIVITIES IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 2 ARE A RESULT OF CONGEN'S FAILURE TO TAKE ACTION. AS REPORTED IN REF A, THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SGT. CAMPBELL, WHICH VYBORNOV REPEATED AT THE MEETING, ARE THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK, WAS DISTURBING THE PEACE ON LITEYNIY PROSPEKT, AND WAS SEEN BY A MILITIA PATROL CAR THROWING A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR. ACCORDING TO VYBORNOV, THE MILITIA WERE VERY GENTLE WITH CAMPBELL DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS LOUDLY CURSING THEM AND UNABLE TO CONTROL HIMSELF. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE MILITIA STATION WHERE HE WAS HELD UNTIL VYBORNOV IDENTIFIED HIM AND CALLED CONGEN OFFICER HARMS TO PICK HIM UP. VYBORNOV CLAIMED THAT THE MILITIA DID NOT KNOW WHO HE WAS SINCE HE DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD AND NEVER REQUESTED THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL BE CONTACTED. VYBORNOV PROTESTED THE CONTINUING HOOLIGAN ACTIVITIES

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OF CONGEN MSG'S AND DEMANDED THAT STRONG MEASURES BE TAKEN.

5. CONSUL GENERAL MAGEE IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THE PROTEST AND THE SOVIETS' VERSION OF THE INCIDENT. SAYING THAT THIS TIME SOVIET ORGANS HAD GONE TOO FAR, THE CONSUL GENERAL SAID THAT THE ASSAULT AND DETENTION OF SGT. CAMPBELL WAS THE ROUGHEST, MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT SINCE HE HAD ARRIVED IN LENINGRAD. HE TOLD VYBORNOV THAT IT WAS NOT CONGEN MSG'S WHO WERE HOOLIGANS BUT THE SOVIET ORGANS AND THE MILITIA WHO APPARENTLY WERE WITHOUT CONTROL. ADDING THAT THE INCIDENT WAS CLEARLY PLANNED IN ADVANCE AND THAT THE MILITIA KNEW ABOUT IT WELL IN ADVANCE, THE CONSUL GENERAL CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE FACTS AS RELATED BY SGT. CAMPBELL (REFTEL A). HE PROTESTED THE ASSAULT; THE ARRESTING OF SGT. CAMPBELL WITHOUT ANY CAUSE; THE DENIAL OF SGT. CAMPBELL'S RIGHT TO CONTACT THE CONSULATE. REJECTING VYBORNOV'S CLAIM THAT WITHOUT A DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD THE MILITIA COULD NOT KNOW THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS A DIPLOMAT. THE CONSUL GENERAL POINTED OUT THAT THE MEN WHO ATTACKED SGT. CAMPBELL HAD SEEN HIM AT THE CONSULATE AND REPEATED THE FACT THAT THE INCIDENT WAS ORCHESTRATED BY SOVIET ORGANS AND THEREFORE THEY KNEW ALL ALONG WHO HE WAS. THE CONSUL GENERAL SAID THAT A

PHOTOGRAPHER HAD EVEN BEEN PRESENT TAKING PICTURES OF THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. VYBORNOV LATER ADMITTED THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER MAY HAVE BEEN THERE, BUT EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE WHEN DRUNKS ARE PICKED UP SINCE THE MILITIA SENDS PHOTOS TO THE DRUNK'S WORK PLACE.

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6. THE CONSUL GENERAL INFORMED VYBORNOV THAT PROTESTS AT A HIGH LEVEL WOULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW AND THAT THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES. HE INSISTED THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN LENINGRAD AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MORE SUCH INCIDENTS. THE CONSUL GENERAL THEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKES THESE PLANNED ATTACKS AGAINST OUR DIPLOMATS VERY SERIOUSLY.

7. VYBORNOV CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE CONSUL GENERAL'S VERSION OF THE FACTS AND STATED THAT THE SECURITY OF DIPLOMATS WHO ARE FULFILLING THEIR PROPER FUNCTIONS IS GUARANTEED. "WHAT HAPPENS FURTHER

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DEPENDS ON YOUR SIDE," HE ADDED. THE CONSUL GENERAL REPLIED THAT VYBORNOV SHOULD CHECK WITH SOVIET SECURITY ORGANS IF HE WANTS TO KNOW THE FACTS AND STRESSED THAT WHAT HAPPENS FURTHER DEPENDS ON HOW THEY ACT IN THE FUTURE.

8. THE MEETING, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS ATMOSPHERE, CONCLUDED WITH VYBORNOV ASSERTING THAT THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS DRAMATIZING THE INCIDENT. THE CONSUL GENERAL REJECTED THIS AND ONCE MORE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME. HE REPEATED THE GIST OF THE PROTEST AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S DEMANDS AND DEPARTED. MAGEE
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