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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON SOVIET AND SATELLITE REPRESENTATIVES

Memorandum by the United Kingdom Deputy

I circulate herewith for the information of my colleagues a copy of the Note which, providing Ministerial approval is given, the United Kingdom authorities propose to deliver to the Soviet Ambassador in London on March 8th, the date on which it is understood that the United States Government intend to deliver their corresponding Note in Washington. Unless any other date for the delivery of the Notes is agreed on by the Deputies, the text of the United Kingdom Note would be made public on March 10th.

It will be seen that the purpose of the United Kingdom Note is to require all members of the Soviet Embassy, of the Soviet Trade Delegation and all other official Soviet representatives in this country (including Tass Agency and newspaper correspondents) to notify the United Kingdom authorities forty-eight hours in advance whenever they wish to travel more than twenty-five miles from Hyde Park Corner. The details to be notified in advance in this way are: the route and method of travel proposed, the date of departure and arrival at each point in the journey, and the address of the hotel or other place of residence if an overnight stop is involved. It may be assumed that there is no objection to the journey being made if no intimation to the contrary is received during the forty-eight hour period. It is not intended to apply similar restrictions to Soviet visitors to the United Kingdom, such as members of delegations invited by British organizations. Furthermore, Soviet officials will be allowed to travel to the Soviet Embassy country house in Kent by a regular route without notification.

It is intended to apply similar restrictions to members of the Rumanian and Bulgarian Legations in London, and corresponding Notes will therefore also be sent to the Rumanian and Bulgarian Ministers on March 8th. The Bulgarian Minister himself will, however, personally be excluded from these requirements since the Head of the United Kingdom Mission in Sofia is excluded from the corresponding restrictions in Bulgaria. It is not intended to apply similar travel restrictions to the Polish or Czechoslovak officials in London since United Kingdom representatives are still able to travel freely in their countries. Similar restrictions are already in force in respect of members of the Hungarian Legation in London, who for some time past have been required to give advance notification if they wish to travel more than eighteen miles from Hyde Park Corner - this restriction corresponding to that imposed on United Kingdom officials in Hungary.

In order to make the above-mentioned restrictions more effective, it is intended to put two other minor measures into effect:

- (a) In future all Soviet non-diplomatic officials (mostly members of the Trade Delegation) arriving in the United Kingdom will be given Residence Permits for three months only, renewable for further periods of the same length. (This regulation would not at present be applied to any of the Satellite countries since they have no officials in this country other than members of the Embassy or Legation staffs). If any such official disregarded the travel restrictions, his Residence Permit would not be renewed and he could be required to leave the country. If the offender was a member of an Embassy or a Legation, he would be declared persona non grata.
- (b) In order to facilitate the surveillance of the movements of Soviet and Satellite officials, it is proposed to request the Soviet Embassy and all Satellite Missions to furnish twice yearly a list showing:
 - (i) the make and registration numbers of all cars in the Mission's service, including cars at the disposal of the Soviet Trade Delegation;
 - (ii) the names and positions of all members of the Mission who possess British driving licences, together with the registration number of any car they own or of the car which they normally drive.

It is intended to treat the measures mentioned under (a) and (b) above as routine matters and to make the appropriate notification to the Missions concerned about a fortnight after the delivery of the main Note concerning the prior notification of the journeys.

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Note to the Soviet Ambassador

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Soviet Ambassador and has the honour to inform him that the following arrangements will in future apply to all Soviet citizens who are members of the Soviet Embassy in London, of the Soviet Trade Delegation, and of the staffs of Soviet commercial enterprises, news agencies and newspapers, and their households, and to all members of the Soviet Foreign Service on temporary visits to the United Kingdom including diplomatic couriers.

2. As from the persons included in the categories named above are required to notify the Foreign Office whenever they wish to travel beyond a distance of 25 miles from Hyde Park Corner (Service Attachés and their staffs should respectively notify the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry). A specimen is attached of the form in which the notification should be made, showing the information which must be given. The form of notification must be sent in duplicate, and the traveller must carry a copy on his own person, and show it on demand to any police officer. The form of notification must reach the Foreign Office (or Service Department) at least 48 hours before the journey is begun.

3. If it is necessary for the traveller during the journey to alter any of the arrangements notified, the Foreign Office or Service Department concerned must be informed immediately.

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4. If the Embassy, the Trade Delegation or the traveller is not informed to the contrary, it may be assumed that there is no objection to the journey.

5. There is no need to notify intended journeys to the Embassy's country house at Hawkhurst, provided that a regular route is used. The Embassy is requested to inform the Foreign Office of the route preferred.

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APPENDIX

NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL

- (1) Name in full
- (2) Address
- (3) A.R.C./Diplomatic Certificate No.
- (4) Official Designation
- (5) Details of journey:-
 - (a) Date of proposed departure
 - (b) Date of proposed return
 - (c) Destination
 - (d) Route, going and returning
 - (e) Method of travel
- (6) Address of hotel or other place of residence if overnight stop is involved.

Note Copy to be carried by traveller and to be shown on demand to any Police Officer.