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Director, F.B.I. (65-59452)  
LAC, New York (65-15415)  

NIKOLAI MIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa; John  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(60; NY)  

Re: Rep of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, Philadelphia,  
1/29/54, in which BLACK'S UNSUB-JOHN is identified as  
ERCHOV.  

It is to be noted that MY letter to Director, 12/11/53,  
entitled, "UNSUB wa; John;  
ESPIONAGE - R," (Buffalo 65-61547) (NY 65-16301), reflected  
that future reports in that case would be entitled,  
"NIKOLAI MIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa; Nikolai Nikolaeavich Ernov;  
ESPIONAGE - R." That case is, therefore, the case file on  
ERCHOV.  

Instant case is, therefore, being closed by this letter,  
and outstanding leads in instant case and all future investigation  
re ERCHOV will be covered and reported in the case file entitled,  
"NIKOLAI MIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa; Nikolai Nikolaeavich Ernov;  

It is to be noted that the only outstanding lead in  
instant case, to be covered and reported, as stated above,  
is one lead for the NYO re ERCHOV, which was set out in rep.  
Boston covered its leads set out in rep. by Boston report  
of SA WILLIAM J. FANTZIA, 1/27/54, entitled, "NIKOLAI  
MIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa; Nikolai Nikolaeavich Ernov;  
ESPIONAGE - R."  

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\[\text{5. Washington Field (R)}\]
\[\text{6. NY 65-16301}\]

\[\text{ACT: Rm (n)}\]

\[\text{65-61847-35}\]
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59452)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15115)

SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa: John ESPIONAGE - R
(00; NY)

Rerep of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, Philadelphia, 1/29/54, in which BLACK’S UNSUB JOHN is identified as ERCHOV.

It is to be noted that NY letter to Director, 12/11/53, entitled, "UNSUB, wa: John; ESPIONAGE - R," (Bufile 65-61847) (NY 65-16301), reflected that future reports in that case would be entitled, "NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa: Nikolai Nikolaevich Ershov; ESPIONAGE - R." That case is, therefore, the case file on ERCHOV.

Instant case is, therefore, being closed by this letter, and outstanding leads in instant case and all future investigations re ERCHOV will be covered and reported in the case file entitled, "NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa: Nikolai Nikolaevich Ershov; ESPIONAGE - R," Bufile 65-61847, NY file 65-16301.

It is to be noted that the only outstanding lead in instant case, to be covered and reported, as stated above, is one lead for the NYO re ERCHOV, which was set out in rerep. Boston covered its leads set out in rerep by Boston report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTWA, 1/27/54, entitled, "NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, wa: Nikolai Nikolaevich Ershov; ESPIONAGE - R."

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TO: Director, FBI (65-59452)
FROM: SAC, NY (65-15415)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, was: JOHN E. BLACK, Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/6/51

Re NY report of SA ARTHUR E. NEUBAUMER 8/19/53 and lead therein for WFO to attempt to locate certain photographs. (u)

It has been noted that investigation reported in WFO report of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS, 11/9/53 entitled, "UNSUB, was: PAUL SMITH, PAUL PETERSON, ESPIONAGE - R," WFO 65-5504, a related case, was sufficient to also cover the leads set out for WFO in referenced NY report. (k)

WFO is requested to report the information appropriate to the UNSUB, JOHN case in instant case also, as NYO does not know the status of instant case in WFO. (c)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, MA. JOHN, THOMAS L. BLACK, INFORMANT, ESP - R. BLACK

DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH BERCHOV AS HIS
UNKNOWN SOVIET SUPERIOR JOHN. PHOTOGRAPH OF BERCHOV WAS SUBMITTED TO
PHILA FOR EXHIBITION TO BLACK UNDER THE CAPTION "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, MA.
JOHN, ESP-R", BLACK STATES BERCHOV AS

JOHN WAS HIS SOVIET SUPERIOR FOR A SHORT PERIOD IN EITHER 1939 OR 1940.
BLACK DOES NOT BELIEVE HE MET JOHN MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR TIMES. JOHN
OR BERCHOV'S CHIEF INTEREST APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY AND HAD NO INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE ACCORDING TO BLACK.
BLACK UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO RE THE CONTACTS OR ASSOCIATES OF BERCHOV.
REPORTS WILL FOLLOW.

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END

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CC: UNSUB: JOHN

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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UNSUB, WASHINGTON, THOMAS L. BICE, INFORMANT, ESPIONAGE - RES. WFO

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent M For
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
On February 8, 1954, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following signed statement to SA HORACE H. WILLIS and the reporting agent concerning the identification of NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, known in the United States, known to RAB, State, Eik. - No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement.

On February 8, 1954, Chicago, Illinois, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents HARRY A. WALKER and HORACE H. WILLIS, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, that I may consult counsel, and that the statement could be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement.

Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, Illinois, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents HARRY A. WALKER and HORACE H. WILLIS, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, that I may consult counsel, and that the statement could be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement.
"Special Agent HARRY A. WALKER has exhibited a photograph of a person whom he identifies as NIKOIAI NIKOLAIEVICH ERCHOV. I am reasonably sure the man in that photograph is the man known to me in New York City, New York.

I voluntarily gave to Special Agents HARRY A. WALKER and HORACE H. WILLIS on November 9, 1953.

"I have read the above statement consisting of one page. I have initialed each correction and do hereby affix my signature to this page."

"Signed:"

"Chicago, Illinois"
"February 6, 1954"

"Witness:

*Special Agent Harry A. Walker
Federal Bureau of Investigation

*Special Agent Horace H. Willis
Federal Bureau of Investigation"

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REFERENCE

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HARRY A. WALKER

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SUMMARY

On February 8, 1954, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following signed statement to SA HORACE H. WILLS and the reporting agent concerning the identification of NIKOJ L. NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, in the United States, known

"Chicago, Illinois"

I, Chicago, Illinois, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents HARRY A. WALKER and HORACE H. WILLS, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, that I may consult counsel, and that the statement could be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement.

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT WITH ALIAS JOHN THOMAS L. BLACK, INFORMANT ESPIONAGE - R

NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH EROCHOV was.

ReBulet (0-1) dated 3/9/54, and NLEET 1/6/54, which requested that the information set forth in the report of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS, Washington, D.C., 11/9/53, in the case entitled "Unknown Subject with Alias PAUL SMITH, PAUL PETERSEN, Espionage - R," be reported also in this case. This report reflected that no photographs were available on 9 individuals (among others), whose pictures were sought for display to THOMAS L. BLACK.

The above lead, originally set forth in the report of SA ARTHUR E. NEUBAUX, New York, dated August 19, 1953, and referred to in NLEET 1/6/54, was disregarded upon receipt of airtel dated 1/25/54, from the office of origin requesting same in view of the identification by THOMAS L. BLACK of NIKOLAI EROCHOV as his unknown subject, JOHN.

M: New York (65-15415)
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TITLE
NIKOLAI NIKOLA LEVEL ERCHOV, W.I.

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject's photograph displayed to SF T-1, T-2, and T-3. All of these sources state subject unknown to them by name or photograph.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

A photograph of the subject of this investigation was displayed to San Francisco T-1, T-2, and T-3, all of known reliability, and none of these individuals, all of whom were at one time familiar with some phases of Antorg activity and/or Antorg personnel, advised that the subject is not known to them by name, description or photograph.

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LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will display subject's photograph to [REDACTED] and question him for information concerning the contacts, associates, and activities of the subject.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

A photograph of the subject of this investigation was displayed to San Francisco T-1, T-2, and T-3, all of known reliability, and none of these individuals, all of whom were at one time familiar with some phases of Antorg activity and/or Antorg personnel and these individuals advised that the subject is not known to them by name, description or photograph.

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**Title:** NIKOLAI NIKOLAievICH ERCHOV

**Character of Case:** Espionage - R

**Synopsis of Facts:**
Subject is not known to T-1, T-2, T-3 and T-4 who have some knowledge of Soviet espionage activity between 1938 and 1942.

**Details:**
At Los Angeles, California:

T-1, T-2, T-3, and T-4, all of known reliability, who have some knowledge of Soviet espionage activity during the period subject was in the United States (1938 to 1942), examined the photograph of subject and reviewed his description without effecting an identification.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will, when available, exhibit a photograph of subject to him to determine information concerning subject's contacts, activities and associates.

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-1332)

THOMAS LESSING BLACK, was:
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebuit 5/28/53 and attachment.

In view of BLACK's continued cooperation with this Division, it is recommended the Security Index maintained on the subject be canceled. BLACK has executed a registration statement, filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (as amended), which will not be made public.

To insure complete control of information received from BLACK, a 13c file will be maintained UACB and the subject considered a Confidential Source of the Philadelphia Division re Espionage - R matters. Letter follows.

An indication of BLACK's cooperation is evidenced in the case "NIKOLAY NIKOLAEVICH ZEICHEN, W. JOHN, ESPIONAGE - R" (File 65-59152), in which BLACK on 1/20/54 identified INO as his temporary superior during the period 1939-1940.

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Office Memo

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61847)
FROM: SAG, NEW YORK (65-16301)
SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, was

ESP - R

Re NY report in instant case dated 2-26-54.

The name set forth in paragraph two on page 24 should be corrected to read A. IVANES.

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R.M. 77-7-57-02
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61847)

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-5787)

SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAЕVICH EROCHOV, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Office of Origin: NEW YORK)

Be report of Special Agent WALTER P. GAVIN dated February 26, 1954, at New York, New York, requesting that photographs of the subject be displayed to appropriate informants.

There are no former employees or agents of ME, who are informants, located in this territory, with the exception of

If and when he is interviewed by this office, a photograph of EROCHOV will be displayed to him.

On March 23, 1954, a photograph of EROCHOV was displayed by Special Agent JOHN J. MURPHY to

did not know EROCHOV and could not identify his photograph.

Effort is still being made to interview

recent efforts to locate him

have been un-

SUCCESSFUL. A photograph of EROCHOV will be displayed to

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1 - Chicago (65-3844) (Info) (RM)
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SUGGESTED BUREAU INDEXING

No additional indexing required. Derogatory information regarding individuals listed herein other than subject previously reported or is currently being submitted by this office in individual reports relating to these persons.

Above applies, with the exception of those names checked in blue ink on right-hand margin, original pages.

New information. Normal indexing suggested.

(mat) (Initials of field dictating or reviewing Agent.)
Office Memo

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (65-61847)

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (65-5644)

DATE: May 24, 1954

SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, was.

Reference is made to the report of SA WALTER P.
Cavin, dated 5/10/54, at New York, wherein a lead was
set out for Los Angeles to contact when next
available and exhibit a photograph of the subject to him.

Inasmuch as the informant is and it is not known exactly when he will return,
this case is being placed in a pending inactive status and
an administrative lead is being set out for the control case for the above informant.

CC: 

2CC: NEW YORK (65-16301) REGISTERED

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06 July 1954

EX-127
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject's photograph displayed to SF T-1 who failed to recognize subject by name or photograph.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

A photograph of the subject was displayed to San Francisco T-1 of known reliability, who stated that the subject is not known to him by name, description or photograph.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

F-1 did not know MIGAY and could not identify his photograph. EAM RANGAREW proceeded LED MEWAY as superintendent of Valencia Apartments, 83-15 and 83-19 116th Street, New Gardens. Effort to locate MIGAY in New York City negative.

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**DETAILS:**

On March 23, 1954, F-1, of unknown reliability, reported that he did not know MIGAY and could not identify his photograph.

A report of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York dated September 1, 1942 reflected that Nikolai N. Nikolay, 83-15 116th Street, New Gardens, Long Island, was moving to 83-19 116th Street, New Gardens. Nikolay's business was listed as purchasing agent for Astorg Trading Corporation, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City.

It was uncertain that the Valencia Apartments are located at 83-15 and 83-19 116th Street, New Gardens.

Mr. E. O. MIGAY, 83-19 116th Street, New Gardens, superintendent of the Valencia Apartments since 1943, advised that Eam RANGAREW preceded him as superintendent of those apartments. Mr. MIGAY stated he has not APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND PERSONS ADVERSE INTERESTS

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Special Agent in Charge

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**PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.**
T-1 did not know ERCHOV and could not identify his photograph. SAM NANCARROW preceded LEO MULVEY as superintendent of Valencia Apartments, 83-15 and 83-19 116th Street, Kew Gardens. Effort to locate SAM NANCARROW in New York City negative.

On March 23, 1954, T-1, of unknown reliability, reported that he did not know ERCHOV and could not identify his photograph.

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It was ascertained that the Valencia Apartments are located at 83-15 and 83-19 116th Street, Kew Gardens.

Mr. LEO MULVEY, 83-19 116th Street, Kew Gardens, superintendent of the Valencia Apartments since 1943, advised that SAM NANCARROW preceded him as superintendent of these apartments. Mr. MULVEY stated he has not
seen SAM NANCARROW for a long time and the last he heard NANCARROW was working as superintendent at the corner of 103rd Street or 104th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.

Inquiries were made by the writer in the vicinity of 103rd Street and 104th Street and Madison Avenue, but SAM NANCARROW was not located here and was not known in the neighborhood. It was observed that all the buildings on the east side of Madison Avenue between 103rd Street and 104th Street were recently torn down. The building previously located on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and 104th Street has also been torn down.

There is no listing for SAM NANCARROW in the current Manhattan—New York City telephone directory.
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

It was ascertained that [redacted] and it is very indefinite as to when [redacted] will return to the U.S.

**LEADS**

**LOS ANGELES**

Los Angeles, California

When [redacted] is available will exhibit a photograph of subject to the informant to determine information concerning subject's contacts, activities, and associates.

**SAN FRANCISCO (INFORMATION)**

One copy of this report is furnished to the San Francisco Office for its information pursuant to the instructions of the Bureau.

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

Washington, D.C.

Will exhibit photograph of subject to [redacted] for information concerning subject's contacts, associates, and activities.

Will place stops with U.S. Customs and INS so that the FBI will be advised in event subject returns to the U.S. (description of subject set forth on page 39 of NY report dated 2/26/54).
New York

New York, New York

Upon return of [redacted] will exhibit photograph of subject to informant for information concerning subject's contacts, associates, and activities. b7d.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-2 and T-3, unable to identify photograph of subject. Flash notices placed with Bureau of Customs and INS.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

T-1, of unknown reliability, viewed on July 26, 1952, at Washington, D.C., by SAS EDWIN DALRYMPLE and INTELLIGENCE A. TAYLOR. The informant immediately identified a portrait style photograph of LUCHOV and identified him by his surname, stating that his first name was "maybe NIKOLAI." T-1 advised that he was not well acquainted with LUCHOV but...
Upon further thought, the informant expressed the belief that ERCOõv had an engineering background and may have been connected with technical intelligence. He described ERCOõv as about 45 years of age now, 6 feet in height, slender, black hair, complexion dark, somewhat foreign appearance, although Russian, believes he speaks English; knows nothing of the family history or personal background of ERCOõv except he was probably in the service as early as 1939.

T-2, who has furnished accurate information on past occasions, examined photograph of NIAULAI-ERCOõV and advised that subject was unknown to him.

T-3, whose reliability is unknown, advised that the subject was unknown to him after viewing picture of ERCOõv.

On August 9, 1954, flush notices were placed with the U.S. Bureau of Customs and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being furnished to Chicago because of its interest in EL CHIV as subject growing out of investigation of b70

LOS ANGELES DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished to Los Angeles in accordance with pending instructions.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is designated for Philadelphia because of its interest in the identification of EL CHIV by MICHAEL L. BLACK

- 3 - 65-6/18/51-52
A copy of this report is furnished to San Francisco in accordance with pending Bureau instructions.

REFERENCES: Reports of SA WALTER F. GAVIN dated 2/26/54 and 7/8/54 at New York.

WFO letter to the Director dated 5/20/54.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-2 and T-3, unable to identify photograph of subject. Flash notices placed with Bureau of Customs and INS.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

T-l, of unknown reliability, interviewed on July 26, 1954, at Washington, D.C., by Ass. EDWIN BALLY and MAURICE A. TAYLOR. The informant immediately identified a portrait style photograph of ERCHOV and identified him by his surname, stating that his first name was "maybe NIKOLAI." T-l advised that he was not well acquainted with ERCHOV but

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-2 and T-3, photograph of subject, unable to identify.

T-1, of known reliability, was interviewed on July 26, 1954 at Washington, D.C., by SAS EDWIN DALRIMPLE and MAURICE A. TAYLOR. The informant immediately identified a portrait style photograph of ERCOEV and identified him by his surname, stating that his first name was "maybe NIKOLAI." T-1 advised that he was not well acquainted with ERCOEV but...
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61847)
FROM: SAC, WFO (65-5787)
SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHEV, was. ESPIONAGE - R

(00: New York)

Attached are six copies of a blank memorandum dated 9/1/54 containing information concerning the subject as furnished by [redacted]. This information was supplied to SAs MAURICE A. TAYLOR and EDWIN DALRYMPLE on 7/26/54.

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the New York office in view of the fact that New York is origin in this case. It will be noted that this information has been incorporated in the report submitted by this office under the date of 8/16/54, RUC.

ENCLOSURES

2 - New York (65-16301) (Encls. 2) (RM)
RE: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV

On July 26, 1954, a confidential source of unknown reliability identified a photograph of ERCHOV and also furnished his surname. The source stated that ERCHOV's first name "may be NIKOLAI."

The source advised that he was not well acquainted with ERCHOV but...

He described ERCHOV as about 45 years of age, six feet in height, slender build, having black hair, dark complexion with a somewhat foreign appearance, and believed he speaks English. The source knows nothing of the family history of ERCHOV and nothing of the personal background of ERCHOV. The source stated that ERCHOV has probably been in the MVD and its predecessor organizations since 1939.
September 7, 1951

RE: NIKOLAI NIKOLAYEVICH ERCHOV

On July 24, 1951, a confidential source of unknown reliability identified a photograph of ERCHOV and also furnished his surname. The source stated that ERCHOV's first name "may be NIKOLAY."

The source advised that he was not well acquainted with ERCHOV but

He described ERCHOV as about 45 years of age, six feet in height, slender build, having black hair, dark complexion with a somewhat foreign appearance, and believed he speaks English. The source knows nothing of the family history of ERCHOV and nothing of the personal background of ERCHOV. The source stated that ERCHOV has probably been in the MVD and its predecessor organizations since 1939.

65-61847-53
To WFO letter 9-1-54 enclosing for the New York office two copies of a memorandum dated 9-1-54, which memorandum contained information concerning the subject as furnished by

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADvised BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF CLASSIFICATION
DATE 2/24/54 RE: intr

Listed below are the names of those individuals who have been advised by routing slip(s) of the classified information enclosed in this letter:

To:target

Date: 9/1/54

Categories: C

Date of Delegation Indefinite

F. J. Smith

To, 

Director, FBI (65-61847)

Nikolai Nikolaevich Korchov, was

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SAC, New York (65-16301)

September 14, 1954

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Director, FBI (65-61847)

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Nikolai Nikolaevich Korchov, was

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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of amended page 1 of the report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated 8/16/54 at Washington, D.C. Copies of this amended page are also enclosed for other offices as indicated.

Subsequent to submission of this report, the Bureau advised that the informant should be described as of unknown reliability.

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1 - Los Angeles (65-5644) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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28 SEP 8 1954
SAC, New York (C5-16301)

Director, FBI (C5-61347)

NIKOLAI NIKOLAIEVICH EROCHOV, was.

ESPIONAGE - R

Pending inactive report of SA Walter P. Oaken, made 7/8/54, at New York, which set out a lead to exhibit a photograph of the subject to any information in her possession regarding the subject and O-1 form dated 8/21/54, returned by you advising that...

In view of the identification of this subject as Thomas Black and since Erochov left the United States in 1942, the Bureau feels that consideration should be given to the closing of this case without contacting unless the New York office has a particular specific reason for contacting that informant in this case. Consequently, you are instructed to review your files thoroughly to insure that all pertinent information concerning the subject has been incorporated in report form suitable for dissemination and that all necessary investigation has been completed and reported. Upon completion of this review you should submit your recommendations as to the advisability of closing this case. Your realize, of course, that it is your responsibility to determine that an investigation has been brought to a logical conclusion before you recommend closing the same.

NOTE: Erochov entered the U.S. in 1938 and left for Russia in 1942. He has been identified by Black and as a Soviet agent. He has placed this case in a pending inactive status, awaiting the return of in order to display to her a photograph of the subject. The Bureau is not aware of the specific reason why New York desires to show this photograph to that informant and consequently New York is being advised to consider closing instant case without contacting that informant.

RECORDED: SEP 23, 1954

COMM. FBI
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO       Director, FBI (65-1847)
FROM     SAC, NY (65-16301)
SUBJECT  NIKOLAI NIKOLAEOVICH ERCHOV, WAS ESPIONAGE-R

Rebulet 9/23/54 advising that the Bureau feels that consideration should be given to the closing of this case without contacting

It is recommended that this case be closed without contacting

DAGB, this case is being closed by the NYO.

1-Los Angeles (65-5644) (RM)
1-San Francisco (65-1805) (RM)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-61847)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-16301)

SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAICH KROHOF, was ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a blind memorandum concerning subject and nine copies of a photograph of subject, date taken not known.

One copy of this memorandum and one photo of subject are enclosed for each office receiving a copy of this letter.

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New York, New York

OCT 5, 1954

NAME
NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVITCH ERSHOV

NICK NAME
Nikolai Nikolaevich Ershov, Nicholas N. Ershov, "John"

PAST RESIDENCE
26th Harvard Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1940)
383 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts (February, 1940 - May, 1940)
711 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (July, 1940 - December, 1943)
53-15 and 83-19 116th Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island (1942)

DESCRIPTION

Race: White
Age: 47
Date of Birth: April 10, 1901
Place of Birth: St. Petersburg, Ivanovo, Russia
Height: 5' 10"
Complexion: Fair
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Scars and Marks: None known
Marital Status: Married
Relatives: Wife: Elza Ershov

ACTIVITIES
ERSHOV arrived in the United States at New York City, 1/19/38, giving his destination as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts. He departed from New York City destined for the Soviet Union on 5/1/42. While in the United States, subject was employed by Amtorg Trading Corporation at New York City and Washington, D. C. ERSHOV was identified by three different individuals as a Soviet Agent known to them. Another source, a

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 65-61847-57

ON

DATE: 7/28

EXPIRY: 65-61847-57
Attached hereto are four copies of a memorandum concerning Nikolai Nikolaevich Ershov.

Attachment

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cc - 2 - Legal Attache (attachment) SECRET-AIR COURIER
London, England

cc - 2 - Liaison Representative (attachment) REGISTERED AIRMAIL
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

cc - 1 - Foreign Service Desk

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8/2/1728
Reference is made to the lead for the Los Angeles Office to exhibit photograph of subject to set out in NY report dated 7/8/54.

This is to advise that a photograph of the subject was displayed to at NY, NY, on 10/5/54 by SA EDWARD H. DAVIS. did not recognize the photograph or name of subject and was unable to furnish any information concerning him.

Case closed by memo 10/18/54

RM

1 - Los Angeles (65-5644) (RM)
1 - San Francisco (65-4805) (RM)
1 - Washington Field (65-5787) (RM)

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Details:

Nikolai Nikolaevich Erchov was born in Russia on April 16, 1907. From 1930 to 1937, he attended and was a research analyst at the Research Institute in Moscow. He entered the United States at New York City on January 19, 1938, for the purpose of studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated in 1940. From 1940 until his departure in 1942, he was an employee of the Amtoy Trading Corporation in New York City and as such is known to have been in Seattle, Washington; White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; and Chicago. He departed from New York City for the Soviet Union on September 16, 1942.

Thomas L. Black, an admitted Soviet agent, has advised that during 1939 and 1940 he was in contact with a Soviet superior known only to him as "John." Black has identified his "John" as being identical with Erchov. According to Black, Erchov's chief interest was Trotskyite activity. He was not interested in securing information concerning industrial processes operating in the United States, the sale of which was identified as Erchov, and thereafter, until
Photographs of Erchov were shown with negative results to various confidential informants with knowledge of certain phases of Soviet espionage during the late 1940's and early 1950's, such as Elizabeth Bentley. Investigation in the vicinity of Erchov's residences in the United States failed to establish any evidence of subversive activity on his part. On 7-26-54, a photograph of Erchov identified a photograph of Erchov.

Since Erchov and his family departed from the United States for Russia in 1942, and since his exact whereabouts is unknown, he has not been placed on the Security Index. In view of this subject's departure from the United States in 1942, for the USSR, this case has not been presented to the Internal Security Division for prosecutive opinion. Pertinent reports in this case have been disseminated to PAB, State, and CIA. Inserts on Erchov for the have been received and will be given the usual dissemination. Steps against the subject's re-entry into the United States were placed with the Bureau of Customs and INS on 8-9-54.

By letter 10-5-54 New York advised its case on Erchov was considered closed. Review of Bureau references, as well as the subject's main file, failed to locate any information requiring further investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, since all logical leads appear to have been covered and since the subject has been absent from the United States since 1942, it is recommended that this case be closed and that this memorandum be made a part of the subject's main file, 65-61847.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61847)  
DATE: 11/19/54

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-5644)

SUBJECT: NIKOLAI NIKOLAEVICH ERCHOV, WAS, ESPIONAGE – R (CO: New York)

Re New York report 7/8/54 by SA WALTER P. GAVIN in the above-captioned case which sets forth a lead for Los Angeles to display a photograph of the above-captioned subject to

Please be advised that when SA HOWARD H. DAVIS was in New York City on 10/5/54 a photograph of ERCHOV was made available to him by agents of the New York Office. The photograph was displayed to [redacted], whose comments were given to the New York Office and will be contained in a New York report.

BMG: cab
REGISTERED
cc: New York (65-16301)(Registered)
TO: W. A. Branigan

FROM: H. W. Schweppel

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any re-interviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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Bureau file: 65-61847
Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any re-interviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

Bureau file: 65-41847.
IN August, 1954, look out notices were placed with All Collectors of Customs and with the INS concerning the captioned individual, who has been described by a

In the opinion of WPO, procedures presently being followed by the Bureau in connection with the make it unnecessary to continue these stops. Unless advised to the contrary by the Office of Origin or the Bureau within 30 days from the date of this communication, these notices will be cancelled.

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Director, FBI (65-57905)

ISMAIL ABDULLOVICH AKOLIEV, aka; ELENA IVANKOVA AKOLIEV, aka
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Postelet 1/29/64 and New York letter 2/10/64, captioned as above.

A review of Dufilie has disclosed the following information which the Bureau considers pertinent regarding the identification of Nikolai Erchov as a former Soviet agent.

In a signed statement given to agents of the Chicago Office in 1954 advised that he was "reasonably sure" that Nikolai Nikolaevich Erchov was in New York.

The Bureau has also noted that Erchov was identified by Thomas L. Black as his Soviet superior who was known as "John." He stated that "John" was his Soviet superior for a short period in either 1939 or 1940 and it is noted that the time element involved in the case of Thomas L. Black and corresponds. The type of information in which John was interested, according to Thomas L. Black, also corresponds with information furnished by concerning Nikolai Erchov.

In addition, who was formerly involved in Soviet espionage, has identified Erchov as a Soviet agent known.

In view of the above facts and in the absence of more concrete information that might indicate that Erchov was known to the Bureau feels that there is nothing to be gained by interviewing him at this time. It should be kept in mind that ten years have passed since indicated was "reasonably sure" of the identity of Erchov as a Soviet,
Letter to New York

Re: ISKUH AKHMYROV, a.k.a.; ELENA IVANOVNA AKHMYROV, a.k.a.
65-57605

The Bureau will be interested in any information that may be developed or received through any other sources that might serve as a sound basis for interviewing in this matter.

**NOTE:**

NY has raised the question as to whether there is a possibility that Akhmyrov may have been the Soviet superior of a Soviet superior who was known as "John" and that Black positively identified Erchov as "John." The same is true of who identified Erchov as a Soviet agent in a signed statement indicating "reasonably sure" in the case involving Erchov.

In the absence of some concrete indication and due to the lapse of ten years time, it is not felt that there is anything to be gained by raising a question with respect to the possibility that Akhmyrov rather than Erchov was...
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