

2 March 1954

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your desire to receive all information relative to the Soviet intelligence services has been kept constantly in mind. I was recently advised of an increased degree of urgency in this regard and of a preference on your part for assembled and analyzed studies over fragmentary or isolated reports, though such reports which we deemed of interest to you have been forwarded to your office.

We have recently begun to obtain a sufficient flow of pertinent data, however, to warrant the concentration of additional effort on research and analysis, looking to the preparation of studies of the nature you desire. I have accordingly instructed the officers responsible for counterespionage to undertake an organized program. These officers would appreciate any general or specific suggestions from you that might contribute to the filling of your requirements. They would, additionally, welcome any collaboration with your Bureau that you might deem mutually beneficial.

I am forwarding with this letter a copy of a study just completed on the Soviet Armed Forces Intelligence Service. We believe it to be the most comprehensive and accurate yet issued on the subject, and in our view it is current. The material for this study was drawn largely from sources who had either been officers or agents of the service a number of whom were able to define its present structure, responsibilities and operations.

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
An additional number of copies will be forwarded for your use. We would much appreciate any views your Bureau may have both as to the study's accuracy and as to whether it represents the type of publication you desire. At a later date, I should like to forward to you a list of specific queries, keyed to the study, on points where we seek additional data or verification.

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles
Director

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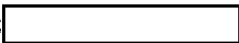
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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
Room 123
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I want to thank you for your letter dated March 2, 1954, your reference ER 5-2813, with which you forwarded a copy of a monograph prepared by your Agency dated December 28, 1953, entitled "Organization and Functions of the Soviet Armed Forces Intelligence Service."

We believe that integrated studies, of the type your Agency has undertaken, can be extremely valuable in the intelligence field. Upon the completion of our analysis of your monograph, we shall furnish your Agency with any pertinent comments resulting therefrom. An additional number of copies of the above-mentioned study, which you say will be forwarded for our use, will be of assistance in evaluating this matter.

Your cooperation in matters of mutual interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Organization and Functions of the Soviet
Armed Forces Intelligence Service (RU)

1. In accordance with your instructions, there are submitted herewith two copies of the study on the above subject which you saw in draft form when you visited Staff C some weeks ago.

2. This study is believed to be the most comprehensive and accurate yet published. It is thought to be current despite the repeated reorganizations which are as chronic in the RU as in other services.



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4. All available data have been verified to the limit of possibilities. There are subjects treated in the study on which no recent information could be gathered. The presentation on these topics has been supported by reasonable assumptions, and every effort is being expended to acquire knowledge in such fields. In a few cases, current information has been deliberately withheld in the interest of operational security. It is not considered, however, that this action materially affects the accuracy of the study.

5. All recipients of the study will be requested to offer comments concerning information at variance with that presented. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will be furnished a specific list of queries in regard to points on which additional data or verification is desired, and will be informed that after the Bureau has had time to examine the study, contact at the case officer level in regard to the over-all subject or particular points thereon will not only be welcome but is to be encouraged.

6. Herewith is a draft of a covering letter to Mr. Hoover if you care to forward the study to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this manner.

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7. This study will receive full IAC distribution.

(Signed) Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Chief of Operations, DD/P

Attachments

- 1) Let to Mr. Hoover
- 2) 2 copies of Subject Study

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Remarks: With respect to Paragraph 2 of Mr. Hoover's letter, will you please take whatever steps are necessary to send additional copies of this monograph to the FBI?

[Signature]
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