

Information on the implementation of the three year agreement between the Bulgarian and Soviet Foreign Intelligence services, related to Scientific and Technical Intelligence activities in 1973, Sofia, 9 March 1974

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VII. With regard to Scientific and Technical Intelligence

According to the plan for interaction between PGU-KGB and PGU-DS related to Scientific and Technical Intelligence, Department VII, PGU-DS has performed the following:

1. The information plan and the perspective plan for the years before 1975 were revised and supplemented with tasks in the area of missile production, bacterial, chemical and thermo-nuclear weapons, and activities of great economic significance for both the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in compliance with the recommendations of Soviet comrades.
2. The targets for agent penetration related to Scientific and Technical Intelligence in different countries were reviewed and corrected; some new military-related goals were defined; the areas of utmost interest for the Scientific and Technical Intelligence have been identified; a systematic study of the structure, tasks, regime and involved personnel has begun.
3. Some activities were conducted in accordance with our commitment to strengthen and expand agent capabilities in observed countries. For example:
 - In Italy, a residential group of 4 operational officers was created. Two new individuals who are capable of solving military problems

on topics, defined by the Soviet comrades, are being developed **[studied?]**. We are facing serious difficulties to establish links between the Centre and the group in Milan; therefore, we suggest that we receive some assistance from the newly opened Soviet General Consulate in Milan.

- In Japan, new interesting operational links were established and one new agent (a.k.a Kobe) was recruited. One of our agents of local origin was tried with the help of the Soviet residenture in Tokyo.
 - Two more operational officers were sent to England. Some activities were conducted and a new agent was successfully recruited (a.k.a Beld). Another individual who has provided a high quality strain for penicillin G is going to be recruited (a.k.a Cooper).
 - Two operational officers were sent to “third countries” with the primary task to work against the USA and their allies.
 - Agent “Delon” is working very actively. He provides a lot of valuable scientific and technical information on military issues. Following our agreement with the Soviet comrades, the information is being directly transmitted to their residenture in Geneva.
 - We have also received important scientific and technical information from agents “Hanz” and “Frederick”.
 - Steps were taken to recruit, train and send Bulgarian specialists as agents to capitalist countries, subject of interest for the Scientific and Technical Intelligence. Information about secret agents assigned to capitalist countries for more than six months is periodically provided. In some cases, the Soviet comrades set specific tasks.
 - Due to the fact that the Department does not work directly with Belgium, nothing has been done yet to create conditions for agent penetration in NATO leading research structures, located mainly on the territory of Belgium.
4. Measures were taken to improve the exchange of scientific and technical information. After specifying the topics of mutual interest, the information exchange has doubled.

In 1973, we sent 272 pieces of intelligence information to the USSR. During the same period, we sent 655 pieces of information through agent "Delon" directly to the Soviet comrades. Thus, the total number amounted to 927. Between 1 January and 28 February 1974, 77 pieces of information were transmitted [to Moscow].

Between 1 January 1973 and 31 December 1973, we received from the Soviet comrades 522 references – 211 for secret or confidential use, and 311 for official use. Over the period 1 January – 28 February 1974, we received 204 references – 48 for secret and confidential use, and 156 for official use.

In addition, we have received a large number of collections containing information about foreign companies and research institutes of interest to us.

5. Foreign experts who are subject of interest to PGU-KGB are regularly checked. Department VII periodically sends information about interesting individuals; information about foreign specialists and secret collaborators who have worked abroad for longer periods of time. Upon our request, the Soviet comrades send specific tasks in order to acquire scientific and technical information from our agents.

Joint activities have been conducted on the territory of the two countries and in capitalist countries.

In our opinion, the agreement on cooperation in the area of Scientific and Technical Intelligence between the two intelligence services is being successfully implemented. Mutual visits of delegations from PGU-KGB and PGU-DS contribute to the success.

6. With regard to the forthcoming settlement of residence of PGU-DS in Canada, we suggest that Soviet comrades inform us on the possibility to assist us in establishing contacts with Montreal.

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