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17. S.: Now I will relate to you the report which I have prepared and which you should immediately report to your superiors. VARENTSOV's birthday party was celebrated not on the 15th but on Saturday 16th in order to permit more time. On the 15th September at 0900 hours I met VARENTSOV at the Leningrad Railroad station where he had just arrived from Leningrad. After having left you I had given him his razor but on the 15th at the railroad station I brought him a package containing the cogman, about which I will tell you in a moment, and which has great significance, as well as the rocket-shaped lighter and the cigarette box with inscriptions thereon. He kissed me as he greeted me at the station. He was also met there by General Lieut. VOZNESSINSKIY and General Lieut. NIKOLAYEV. VARENTSOV had been in Leningrad because a Party conference was held there and he was elected as the delegate to the 22nd Party Congress, and very probably VARENTSOV at this 22nd Party Congress will be elected a member of the Central Committee of the CPSU. He will be elected as a candidate or a member of the CC, in other words he will receive a promotion along the Party line. Having given him the packages I went to the Committee, whose car I had at my disposal, while he went to his Directorate where he was greeted and where a ceremony took place in which he was awarded the Order of Lenin. He told me to be sure to come on the 16th at 16.00 hours together with my entire family, including my daughter and mother, to his dacha. He said that he had invited many people but many would not be there because they were out of town concerned with military matters. Who and with that military matters I will relate in a moment.

18. S.: He said that the Minister MALINOVSKIY would be there and CHURAYEV Viktor Mikhailovich, who is a member of the Central Committee and the Head of the Party organisation of the RFSFR - one of KHRUSHCHEV's right hand men. Gen. Polk. FOMIN will be there, Gen. Polk. SAMSONOV, Gen. Pol. G.S. KARIOFILLI, RYABCHIKOV, a Professor of Chemistry and Lieut. Gen. SEMENOV, who was VARENTSOV's Deputy on the First Ukrainian Front. Incidentally one of VARENTSOV's two present deputies, the one who replaced COFFE is also Gen. Lieut. SEMENOV, that is a namesake of the other. In a moment I will tell

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you the details of the party. Since I left you in England I have had the opportunity of speaking with VALENTSOV, ZASORIN, BUZINOV and many others. This is what I must relate to you at once.

19. S.: In the beginning of October this year there will begin extensive general (vse-obshchiye) manoeuvres. There were never such manoeuvres in the history of the Soviet Army. This is because all headquarters of all military districts will participate and also all headquarters of groups of forces. Even all rear services in the military districts will participate in these manoeuvres. In other words every Army formation will execute its assigned mission in these manoeuvres just as they would be called upon to do in case there was a war. In addition all headquarters of all countries of People's Democracies will also take part in these manoeuvres. These strategic manoeuvres will begin in early October and will take place throughout the entire USSR and throughout all of the countries of People's Democracies all based on combatting a hypothetical enemy in the direction of Germany.

20. S.: I will now try to explain to you in detail why these manoeuvres will take place and what their objective is. Later I will tell you who, why and when gave me this information. These manoeuvres are called strategic because they involve very great territorial depth and all military districts and all groups of forces will participate as well as all the headquarters of the countries of the People's Democracies. These manoeuvres will continue for a period of ^{up to a} month. The objective of these manoeuvres is to examine everything as a whole and to determine what units have specific capabilities. They will examine who can best fulfil offensive missions shock action, defensive operations and to examine the state of training and combat readiness of all units, as well as their joint action. Through these manoeuvres deficiencies in training can be corrected and experience in joint operations gained. But this is only one purpose, the second purpose is to have these huge forces in a state of combat readiness exactly at the time that the Peace Treaty with East Germany will be signed, so that if any difficulties occur immediately after the signing of this Treaty, they would be in a position to strike a heavy blow. In other words what KHRUSHCHEV wants to do is to backstop with actual large-scale military preparations

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which will be signed right after the Congress

camouflaged as manoeuvres his signing of the Peace Treaty with East Germany.

21. S.: KHRUSHCHEV considers that if NATO swallows the second pill and he considers that the first pill, which was the closing of the borders of East and West Berlin, has already been swallowed, - that is the action of 13th August - incidentally, I know about this closing four days before the fact and I wanted to pass this information on to you but had no means for doing this, since the phone call arrangement was only good for Monday and this took place on a different day. I did not want to risk putting the information into the dead drop and calling by chance. We will have to work out a system that will permit me to pass critical information to you quickly in future.

22. S.: KHRUSHCHEV, his Central Committee and his government plan to do this - on the 17th October to open the 22nd Party Congress. This conference we should call Conference "Aggressive". That is because a very aggressive attitude will be prevalent, all sorts of propaganda speeches are being prepared asking decisive action against imperialism and colonialism. And by firing up the Congress with such speeches KHRUSHCHEV hopes to untie his hands for aggressive action by placing the responsibility for the decisions which support KHRUSHCHEV and his government's position on the Congress. Even if a war takes place after the Congress, KHRUSHCHEV can refer to this situation as a decision of the Congress. For Bolsheviks the Congress represents their programme for the immediate future. All secretaries of Central Committees will be present at this congress as well as secretaries of the Parties of other People's Democracies and Communist Parties from capitalist countries as well, many of the latter will come secretly. It will be of interest to see how the Communist leaders throughout the world react to the concept of military action at this time as proposed by the leading Communist Party, namely that of the Soviet Union. I suggest for your consideration and that of our leaders how advantageous it would be to introduce some sort of split in views at this congress. It is important that there be no unanimity of views between all of the Communist leaders of the various countries.

23. S.: Already there have been orders issued that during the month of

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October no foreigners should be admitted to the Soviet Union. All MOSCOW hotels are now being retained for the use of Central Committee members and Party delegates. They are even fumigating the rooms to be sure that foreigners previously living there have not left bacteriological contamination. Even in our Committee we have turned down all requests for foreign visitors during the month of October by saying there is no room, and that they will be busy with the Party Congress. This will continue until the 15th November since many Party delegates will stay after the Congress to attend the celebration and parade of 7th November. In addition they are now preparing to set up very strict counter intelligence procedures in MOSCOW and the Moscow oblast during this time. Therefore, I request you to have all of our agent operations in MOSCOW suspend activity during this period. It will be very difficult to work in MOSCOW during this time and the KGB from other cities have also been called in.

24. S.: Let me review. Immediately after the Party Conference KHRUSHCHEV wants to sign the Peace Treaty; at the time of the signing he wants to have all possible military units in a state of combat readiness. If necessary he will strike. If it is only a local attack by us then it will be parried, but of course if a larger conflict develops that is why combat readiness is needed. KHRUSHCHEV, our General Staff and the GRU know perfectly well that secret preparations in modern times are not possible due to intelligence techniques. But under the guise of manoeuvres, concerning which he will insist that they are only manoeuvres, their extent and duration can easily be extended. If the allies swallow the second pill and say "very well since you have signed a treaty with East Germany we will deal with East Germany", then the strain will be relieved and the manoeuvres will terminate and the result of these will still serve as a valuable training exercise for joint operations. If not the powder is still dry and military action can be employed. This is the dual purpose for which these manoeuvres are planned for the early days of October.

25. S.: Right now MOSCOW is boiling with all kinds of representatives from the headquarters of the countries of People's Democracies, both in/military and

military and civilian dress. I have seen them everywhere and anyone can spot them. Secondly, all prominent military commanders are in the field with troops, for example, at VARENTSOV's birthday party his deputy PYRSKIY was not present.

26. S.: There are two deputies, PYRSKIY and SEMENOV, who replaced GOFFS. PYRSKIY is now at NOVAYA ZEMLYA where they are experimenting with atomic detonations. There is a large base there on which are rockets with atomic warheads, the details of which I will give you shortly. The other deputy SEMENOV is now attending the atomic bomb tests in Central Asia. Here is how I found this out. At VARENTSOV's party, Viktor Mikhailovich CHURAYEV asked VARENTSOV - where is PYRSKIY? and MALINOVSKIY said that PYRSKIY is doing a fine job in running the tests and the training programme at NOVAYA ZEMLYA.

27. S.: I can now report to you about the atomic tests being conducted now since KHRUSHCHEV felt that it was impossible for him not to run these tests. These tests have two phases; in the past years the first phase consisted of testing the individual TNT equivalent weapons. They were raised on towers, from masts and dropped from aircraft. But now KHRUSHCHEV and his military commanders are testing nuclear detonations delivered by rockets. This is phase II. These tests are conducted by means of firing a rocket with a conventional charge against the selected target and then assembling an atomic warhead and firing it against the same target. Both MALINOVSKIY and VARENTSOV answered CHURAYEV that Gen. Polk. PYRSKIY is now at NOVAYA ZEMLYA running the tests and will continue to remain there because there will be additional tests.

28. S.: There is a huge rocket launching base at NOVAYA ZEMLYA which is equipped to fire the R-12 and the R-14 rockets. There are no R-11s there; this was all told to me by BUZINOV. Now with respect to these rockets the R-12 is already adopted and is being serially produced. Its range is two and a half thousand kilometres. The R-14 is now being prepared for serial production but it has not yet been produced in quantity. The range of the R-14 is four and a half thousand kilometres. Both ranges I have given are those for these rockets carrying an atomic warhead. Of course the ranges are greater with conventional warheads.

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