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Lt Gen E. P. FITOVRANOV

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report, based on information available from this source as of 22 Jul 58, is one of a series on senior military intelligence and KGB officers in East Germany.

II. BACKGROUND

2. Full Name: Evgenii ("Zhenya") Petrovich FITOVRANOV  
Rank: Lieutenant General  
Assignment: Chief KGB Residentura, BERLIN, and concurrently, Senior Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy, BERLIN.

Date of Birth: Estimated between 1910 - 1915.

Residence in USSR: MOSCOW (Tel No K-4 1751)

3. Wife: Elisaveta Vasil'evna FITOVRANOVA

Children: Daughter (first name possibly Gavrilova). There were other children in the household in BERLIN but it is not certain whether they were FITOVRANOV's children or grandchildren (see paras 6 and 7).

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Other Relatives:  
FITOVRANO

Dr Natalya Vasil'ovna PETROVA, probably FITOVRANOV's sister-in-law. (This relationship was not conclusively established, but is based on her sharing the same patronymic with his wife, and a request by FITOVRANOV to his wife, after a family conversation, to "kiss Natalya and Mama for me"; on 11 Mar 56 FITOVRANOV booked a private telephone call to Dr PETROVA of the "First Surgical Section" of a hospital in MOSCOW, Tel No K-6 8974; (the only N.V. PETROVA listed in the 1954 edition of the MOSCOW Telephone Directory resided at 6, Shohusova Ulitsa Tel No K-4 6696).

4. Education and Accent:

No information is available from source material on FITOVRANOV's educational background other than that he speaks as a well-educated man with a Great Russian (MOSCOW) accent.

III. OTHER PERSONAL PARTICULARS

5. Details of Family:

Mme FITOVRANOV's rather listless and apathetic manner during her telephone conversations gave the impression that she was either a sick person or one of negative personality. She seemed unable to raise any enthusiasm when appealed to by her husband on 20 Oct 55 to fly back from MOSCOW to BERLIN on the following day. She agreed only after much prompting, despite the fact that her younger children (or possibly grandchildren) appeared to be in Germany. (Her reaction may have arisen from the fact that she had just suffered the loss of her mother, Elisaveta Ivanovna (anu), who died on 17 Oct 55). FITOVRANOVA was noticeably apathetic, however, in a February 1956 discussion with a staff officer of Marshal A.A. GEBCHKO (GMD, GSFG) on the question of certain domestic transactions for Mme GEBCHKO.

6. Mme FITOVRANOV was in MOSCOW again in December 1955 and flew back to BERLIN with her granddaughter on the 24th or 25th of that month. On 10 Jan 56 she flew again to MOSCOW, this time with her daughter, and possibly granddaughter, but was present in BERLIN on 23 Feb 56 when she attended the Red Army Day reception at the Soviet Embassy.

7. An exact identification of the junior members of the family was not possible from the few passing references available in source material. FITOVRANOV once said, in answer to his wife's telephone enquiry from MOSCOW, that "the children are doing their lessons" and mentioned "Seresha" (Sergei) by name. Other references to a daughter and granddaughter, however, made in connection with bookings of plane flights, leave the question open as to whether they were in fact FITOVRANOV's children or grandchildren.

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8. Recreations: Shooting, fishing, and tennis.

IV. CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY

9. There is evidence that PITOVANOV was quick and incisive when making decisions and was esteemed as a man who backs up his subordinates. If it is assumed that the efficiency of his unit reflected his own capabilities, then on at least one occasion he was awarded a considerable compliment by a military intelligence colonel who had recourse to PITOVANOV and his organization for help with an operation.

10. Col M.G. BELOV (Chief of an element in BERLIN subordinate to the Intelligence Directorate, HQ, GSFG) approached the KGB Residency for help and co-operation with some agent activities on 17 Dec 55. This involved calling on the chiefs of five departments and finally discussing the matter with PITOVANOV. The results, as described by BELOV to Col V.I. SMIRNOV and Lt Col Yu.F. BULKOV (both of the Operations Department, Intelligence Directorate, HQ, GSFG), were that PITOVANOV had "stated his decisions swiftly" and had said that he would "give the order immediately."

11. Later, in reply to SMIRNOV's query as to the success of the operation, BELOV said that it had gone excellently - in fact, he had been told that it was "as quick as lightning" and nobody had noticed anything. PITOVANOV's people had made all the security arrangements, as well as directing the affair, and had done it very well.

12. A tribute to PITOVANOV was paid by M.I. MARCHENKO (Deputy Chief, Department 2, KGB Residency element, BERGMAR-SCHENAU) while discussing pressure of work with a friend: he said that things were so hot it was "like sitting on a powder barrel," but it was very good working with PITOVANOV as "he is a fighter and stands up for his people."

13. Source has provided some indication of PITOVANOV's standing with senior officers outside the KGB. In brief talks with Maj Gen MALIN (Chief, Frontier Control Directorate, HQ, GSFG) and Maj Gen P.V. VASHURA (Deputy Chief, Political Directorate, HQ, GSFG) it was clear that they both treated him with every respect. PITOVANOV in his turn spoke quietly and politely but with noticeable firmness and authority.

14. Maj Gen P.A. DIEROVA (Commandant, Soviet Garrison, BERLIN) was somewhat disdainful about PITOVANOV's plan for hunting wild boar at night with the use of boaters and infra-red telescopic sights. DIEROVA commented to Lt Gen A.Ya. KALZAGIN (GSFG liaison with DDR), that PITOVANOV was a fool to introduce a system which reflected on his hunting ability; he was also concerned over the danger of some of the local population getting killed in the process.

V. MOVEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

15. PITOVANOV flew back from MOSCOW to Germany on or about 14 Aug 55. This was revealed in a conversation on 13 August with Maj Gen VASHURA who, having just returned from MOSCOW himself, advised PITOVANOV to fly back with an aircraft which was available on the following day. The reasons for this visit to MOSCOW, and its duration, .../...

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are not known to source.

16. There is evidence that FITOVRANOV paid a visit to STAHNSDORF between 23 and 27 Jan 56. Capt M.T. KOZYREV (KGB CI officer with 260 Independent Line Construction Battalion, then at STAHNSDORF) on 30 January tried to contact his superior officer, Col G.V. SHATALOV (Chief, KGB CI Department, in BERLIN). Failing to do so, he gave Lt Col V.M. SEIVAKOV (SHATALOV's deputy) the news that FITOVRANOV had come "here to me", but he did not know on what business. SEIVAKOV replied that KOZYREV, if invited by FITOVRANOV, was to go to the Residentura and tell him all he wanted to know. The purpose of FITOVRANOV's visit may have been to investigate personally the after-effects of the defection of Lt I.V. OVCHINNIKOV from the 28 Special Purpose Radio Regiment (HQ, STAHNSDORF; subordinate to the GSFG Intelligence Directorate); STAHNSDORF was also the location of a KGB Radio Intercept Station.

17. On 28 Jan 56 FITOVRANOV flew to MOSCOW and on 6 February an aircraft was sent from East Germany to MOSCOW to bring him back. The take-off for the return journey was to be at FITOVRANOV's convenience. G.M. FUSHKIN (Soviet Ambassador to the DDR) wished to be given the place of landing in MOSCOW so that he could inform FITOVRANOV.

18. On 12 Feb 56 he flew again to MOSCOW, this time in the company of Marshal GRECHKO and Ambassador FUSHKIN, presumably for the Twentieth Congress, CPSU. His date of return is not known to source, but his presence in BERLIN again was confirmed on 12 Mar 56.

19. FITOVRANOV paid a visit to KARL-MARK-STADT (CHEMNITZ) on 11 or 12 Apr 56. This was stated by BREDIN (fnu; KGB advisor to the East German Ministry for State Security) when receiving instructions for submitting to FITOVRANOV a report on an industrial explosion.

VI. FRIENDS AND CONTACTS

20. In view of FITOVRANOV's status, those personalities who appear to have connections with him only as a result of working relationships have been included, as also those whose identity and therefore importance could not be defined by source.

B.S. ALEKSEIKO

21. The wife of Boris Sergeevich ALEKSEIKO, (Head, 'Soviet Export Film' office, BERLIN) was able to supply the BERLIN home telephone number of the FITOVRANOV's at the request of Maj Gen G.K. TSEINOV (Chief, KGB Third [CI] Directorate, POTSDAM).

S.T. ASTAVIN

22. The "Sergei Timofeovich" who called on FITOVRANOV on 18 Oct 55 was probably Sergei Timofeovich ASTAVIN (Chief, Political Department, Soviet Embassy, BERLIN, who dealt with WISMUT affairs). On this occasion he went to the cinema with FITOVRANOV and the latter's deputy, Col M.N. GOLOVKOV, the wives of both then being in the USSR.

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A. A. GRECHKO

23. The FITOVRANOV's relationship with Marshal Andrei Antonovich GRECHKO and Mme GRECHKO were friendly, as far as can be judged from source material, but there is no evidence that they extended beyond a sympathetic regard for each other in their appointed spheres. GRECHKO sent a telegram of congratulation to "Evgenii Potrovich" on the anniversary of the October Revolution, wishing him success in his activities "from the bottom of my heart", and Mme GRECHKO selected Mme FITOVRANOV as the most suitably prominent escort for her daughter at the Red Army Day reception in 1956. Mme GRECHKO was also concerned with Mme FITOVRANOV in transactions involving the selection of a watch for the former and the selling of skins or furs.

V. V. NARUDDINOV/NARUETINOV and Ya. S. NASRIDDINOVA

24. Viktor Vasil'ovich NARUDDINOV was a deputy to the Supreme Soviet and First Secretary of the TASHKENT City Party Committee. He was member of a delegation of deputies to the Supreme Soviet which was touring the DDR in November/December 1955. On 4 December he was in KARL-MARK-STADT (CHEMNITZ) and telephoned his wife Yadgar Sadykovna NASRIDDINOVA from the Soviet Consulate. NASRIDDINOVA was in MOSCOW and had just attended a birthday party given by FURTSEVA (presumably E. A. FURTSEVA of the Central Committee). They discussed political matters in both the Russian and Turkmen languages. NARUDDINOV also told his wife that "many of the comrades" who knew her sent their greetings, and mentioned FUSEKIN (see para 25), FITOVRANOV, KISELEV (u/i) and GUSEV (u/i, at KARL-MARK-STADT) in that order.

Comment: Another source has confirmed that a Ya. S. NASRIDDINOVA was a member of the Central Committee elected at the 20th Party Congress in February 1956. Despite the discrepancy in names there is considerable evidence that the speakers were husband and wife.

G. M. FUSHKIN

25. FITOVRANOV's official position (Senior Counsellor) with the Soviet Embassy in East BERLIN appeared to involve some degree of active partnership with Ambassador Georgii Maksimovich FUSHKIN. Source was unable to determine FUSHKIN's exact position vis-a-vis FITOVRANOV, i.e., whether he played a role more significant than acting as a "front" for the latter.

FUZANOV (fmu)

26. On the orders of FITOVRANOV, a message was relayed on 7 or 8 Dec 55 to the Frontier Control Directorate, HQ, GSWG, on the subject of FUZANOV and his wife, who apparently had recently arrived in BERLIN. They were leaving BERLIN the next day via the same check point on route for BAD BRAMBACH (Bezirk KARL-MARK-STADT, on the borders of Czechoslovakia), and they would arrive at the

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frontier at 1600 hours. They would be escorted by N.M. GALUSHIN (Chief of KGB Residentura Secretariat) and would call at LEIPZIG on the way.

P.V. VASHURA

27. Some degree of familiarity was shown by Maj Gen Petr Vladimirovich VASHURA when, addressing FITOVRANOV by first name and patronymic, he explained why he had been unable to fulfill an arrangement to travel together with the latter on a return flight from MOSCOW to Germany (see also para 14). Since neither used the intimate form of speech and since VASHURA showed a marked deference to FITOVRANOV, this was, presumably, a friendly working relationship. (Subsequently, according to other sources, VASHURA was promoted to become Chief of the GSPG Political Directorate).

Antonina Pavlovna (anu)

28. A lady of this name wished the news of the death of FITOVRANOV's mother-in-law to be passed to him by his deputy, Col GOLOVKOV, should he not already have heard from Mme FITOVRANOVA. This message was relayed to GOLOVKOV by his wife, who was in MOSCOW at that time.

Newspaper Editor

29. On 14 Sep 55, FITOVRANOV booked a telephone call to "the editor of the newspaper TSINYA in RIGA." No information is available from source to identify the editor or to explain this action.

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