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THE CAPABILITIES OF THE RUSSIANS
TO EMPLOY COVER AND DECEPTION AGAINST
THE UNITED STATES

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RUSSIAN COVER AND DECEPTION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

Introduction

War against non-Communist countries, according to the writings of Lenin, is continuous but may be open or concealed. A period of peace is a period of concealed warfare, a period of consolidation and preparation for the next period of open warfare, a period in which to undermine or soften up the resistance in the next victim (s) of Soviet armed conquest. Open warfare against a non-Communist country is not always necessary nor desirable when class-warfare and revolution within that country can produce a puppet government subservient to Russia. The ultimate and unalterable aim is to establish Communism throughout the world.

The above is repetitious but is pertinent because it indicates the broad field that this study should cover if it attempted to discuss all the potentialities. Such a study would have to be continuous and would never be complete, because Russian deception must be considered as a continuous program. It would require long-term and exhaustive research by individuals familiar with deception techniques and methods and with past Russian philosophy and practices (of whom there are few, if any, so qualified).

Estimate of Most Probable Methods and Techniques to be Used Against the United States

Russian Intentions - An estimate of present Russian intentions relative to the United States Armed Forces is necessary first before attempting to visualize the part which deception will play in furthering such intentions and the deceptive methods that may be used in connection therewith. These intentions are estimated to be as follows:

- (1) Weaken the U.S. Armed Forces to the extent that they will be incapable of supporting U.S. foreign policy or of intervening in domestic disturbances.
- (2) Penetrate the U.S. Armed Forces with intelligence and potential sabotage and subversive networks.
- (3) Reduce the military and economic assistance available to the U.S. from other countries in case of war with Russia.
- (4) Disrupt U.S. economy in order to reduce the ability of U.S. industry to support adequately the Armed Forces in case of war.
- (5) Misdirect U.S. war planning.

Methods Available to Russia - It can be expected that deception will play a major role in the carrying out of the above mentioned Russian Intentions. Where possible, the Russians will influence the U.S. into taking action which will produce these results. The effect of this influence is already noticeable, but the more obvious methods, by which this influence is being exerted, are so lacking in subtlety that they

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can hardly be classified as deception. These include:

- (1) Propaganda broadcasts which have little regard for the truth.
- (2) Communist party activities which theoretically have no direction from Russia.
- (3) Activities of Soviet satellite countries in the guise of independent nations.

Since it is well known that the above activities are manipulated by the top echelon in Moscow in furtherance of their current intentions, advantage may be taken by Russia of this knowledge to indicate falsely the trend of her future intentions or to provide cover for more covert methods, such as:

- (1) The penetration and degradation of legitimate democratic organizations.
- (2) The development of conditions and circumstances which will cause discontent with established democratic procedure and customs.
- (3) The creation of incidents which will cause other countries to lose confidence in the U.S..

The methods mentioned in part IV will be employed, in addition to the above, in attempting to misdirect U.S. war planning efforts. Russia, with its fifth column penetrations throughout the world and with its complete control of numerous "independent" nations, is in an ideal position for the practicing of deception. Moreover, their unscrupulousness and lack of veracity makes deception a natural practice for them. At times the Russians appear inconsistent in their actions and professed policies, but this apparent inconsistency is the result of Russian deception. The ultimate aim remains constant. Present situations can be and are compromised to develop more favorable situations in the future. Exaggerated interest or concern is indicated in secondary current problems in order to develop a fait accompli in some major long-range problem.

Techniques - Based on the above concept of Russia's deception methods the following are some of the techniques being employed to cause the U.S. to take action in furtherance of Russian intentions relative to U.S. armed forces:

- (1) Encouragement of rapid and drastic demobilization "for economic reasons".
- (2) Accentuation of the undemocratic aspects of the "caste system".
- (3) Magnification of Military Government difficulties, with emphasis on any undemocratic methods used in controlling or overcoming these difficulties. (In many cases these difficulties are created indirectly by the Russians).
- (4) Encouragement of foreign "humanitarian" and relief movements

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- and programs. (Russian interest in humanitarianism is a gross deception. Russian support is prompted by: (a) Ultimate adverse effect upon U.S. economy, (b) opportunity to focus attention on "dollar diplomacy", and (c) opportunity to create discord between U.S. and other countries).
- (5) Advocacy of improvements in the living and working conditions of the "working classes". (An appeal to the masses by which Russia hopes for ultimate world control of labor which in turn means industry, economy and communications.)
 - (6) Open support by Russia of the United Nations Organization. (Not as an advocate of peace, but to insure its impotency and ultimately to prove the inadaquacy of true democratic procedure).

Probable Indications of Russian Deception

At the present time it would appear that all obviously Russian and Russian controlled actions should be studied from the viewpoint that they represent deception in one form or another. During periods of concealed warfare, such as now, all agencies of Russia, including the military forces, assist in the execution of deception which in turn supports the foreign policy. In periods of open warfare, all effort, including deception, assists military operations which are carried out in support of the foreign policy.

Since the end of World War II, Russia has developed a pattern in her actions which would indicate, (1) that she is against any and all U.S. domestic and foreign actions which will improve U.S. domestic stability and international relations, and (2) that she will support any U.S. action that will be harmful to the U.S.. This opposition or support is either open or concealed or a coordination of both. Coordination in this case may not always mean mutual assistance, i.e., concealed support and open opposition may be used by Russia relative to the same issue. (A current sad example would be the concealed support of the United Jewish Appeal, which appears to be financing the surreptitious entry of Jews into Palestine, and the open support of the Arab League which is opposed to such entry.)

In conclusion, each Russian action or combination of actions should be studied in relationship to estimated Russian objectives. Open pressure in one area will act as a "smoke screen" for an underground "coup" in another. An apparent conciliatory attitude in Korea presages controversy somewhere else. Only through continuous study and analysis will it be possible to estimate Russia's next deceptive move.

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