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TO: A/SY/EX - Mr. Victor Dikeos.
 FROM: EUR/SOV - Robert L. Barry *RB*
 SUBJECT: Report of Radiation at Spaso House
 in 1959

Mr. James Golden, who now works for the Department of Justice's local law enforcement division here in Washington (376-3659), came to see Dr. Watson today to tell him of an experience he had when he was with the Secret Service accompanying Vice President Nixon to Moscow in 1959.

Golden said that he and others in the detail had been issued dosimeters and film prints to carry in the Soviet Union. He had been on the advance party and had detected no readings during the three weeks he was there before Nixon's arrival. However, when Nixon was staying in Spaso House Golden claims that his dosimeter began to register and did so for a couple of days. He borrowed dosimeters from others on the detail and they reacted in the same way. After he had complained loudly about the situation to listening devices, Golden claims the radiation disappeared. BADGES

On return it was found the film ^{prints} they carried showed no signs of exposure. Some effort was apparently made to duplicate the effect on the equipment back here, and it was determined that only ionizing radiation could cause the dosimeter to register.

Golden says that he does not know if a written record was ever made of this discovery but believes his supervisor, John T. Sherwood, who had been in Moscow was called before the President's Science

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Advisory Committee in 1962 to discuss the situation. Sherwood is now retired and lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Others who knew about the problem at the time, he claims, were Dr. Walter Tkach, General Don Hughes (then Nixon's military aide), and Admiral Rickover (who was in Moscow at the time).

It looked to us that the Secret Service should have some written report of the situation or could tell us something of Mr. Golden and that it would be worthwhile to work through liaison on this. I am passing a copy of this memorandum to Dr. Don Myers in CIA who may be able to obtain some information.

cc: CIA - Dr. Myers
DG/MED - Dr. Watson

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