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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN SEABORG  
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THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER *KAP 4/26/68*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY BY USSR  
NATIONAL

The Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), has requested AEC approval for Dr. Sergei G. Inge-Vechtomov, USSR national, to visit unclassified areas of the ORNL Biology Division for two days sometime within the period May 1 to May 20, 1968. The visitor is in California at the present time and his detailed travel plans are not available.

Under current AEC policy, visits by Soviet bloc nationals to ORNL require Commission approval.

Dr. Sergei Georgievich Inge-Vechtomov, a research scientist, is affiliated with the Kirov Leningrad State University, where he is assigned to the Department of Genetics and Breeding. Currently, he is spending ten months in the United States at the Department of Genetics of the University of California in Berkeley, under Professor Robert Mortimer, and at Yale University's Department of Molecular Biology and Biophysics, under Professor A. Garen.

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Dr. Inge-Vechtomov is conducting research in the radiation biology of yeast, a subject of special interest to researchers in the Biology Division of the Laboratory. The proposed visit will be limited to the unclassified areas of the Biology Division, Buildings 9207, 9210, 9211, and 9211A. Dr. Inge-Vechtomov will be asked to present a seminar on his recent studies. Mr. R. C. Von Borstel will serve as principal escort, with R. H. Smith as the alternate. All Laboratory personnel involved in this visit will be cautioned to restrict their discussions to problems of genetics and radiation biology.

The Manager, Oak Ridge Operations Office, has indicated that, if the visit would be in the best interest of the AEC, an adequate security plan which would preclude access to classified information or facilities will be submitted by the Laboratory for Oak Ridge Operations Office review.

The Division of Biology and Medicine has indicated that a visit by Dr. Inge-Vechtomov will provide ORNL scientists with an opportunity to discuss his research and have a valuable exchange of information with him. Discussions of problems in genetics and radiation biology could prove beneficial and possibly timesaving in the Laboratory's research in this area.

The Division of Security had previously (March 12, 1968) conducted appropriate agency indices checks which revealed that Dr. Inge-Vechtomov is currently a participant in a ten-month study program at Yale University for research in methods of biochemical and molecular genetics of microorganisms. His period of research is scheduled to conclude in June 1968. The results of indices checks reflect that on October 31 and November 1, 1967, Dr. Inge-Vechtomov was visited in New Haven, Connecticut, by a representative of the Soviet Embassy who has been identified as affiliated with the Soviet Intelligence Service. Recent checks revealed no additional information.

The Division of Intelligence recommends that the interest of the Soviet Intelligence Service in Dr. Inge-Vechtomov be called to the attention of Oak Ridge Operations Office to assist in the development of adequate security procedures and briefings. In addition, it is recommended that the Operations Office conduct a post-visit debriefing as to Dr. Inge-Vechtomov's interest while at ORNL.

The matter of Dr. Inge-Vechtomov's visit to ORNL was coordinated with the U. S. Department of State and there were no objections indicated.

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In view of the above, the Division of International Affairs recommends that the Commission act favorably on the request for Dr. Sergei G. Inge-Vechtomov, USSR national, to visit unclassified areas of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Biology Division for two days sometime within the period May 1 and May 20, 1968.

The Division of International Affairs notes the recommendation of the Division of Intelligence and, if the proposed visit is approved, will coordinate with the Division of Security to inform Oak Ridge Operations Office of the interest of the Soviet Intelligence Service in Dr. Inge-Vechtomov.

If approved, we shall inform the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

*[Signature]*  
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*Approved*  
*Mr. P. Hollingsworth 4/26/68*

Approval by General Manager based on Commission approval of revised ORNL Soviet Bloc Visitor Approval Procedure (AEC 901/343) at Information Meeting on April 26, 1968.

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