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TOP SECRET

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE LENINGRAD OBKOM OF THE VKP(b)

to comrade ZHDANOV
and comrade Kuznetsov

SPECIAL REPORT

On the 1st of February [1941] at 8:30 a.m. in the Kirovsky district of Leningrad, on a fence enclosing the construction site of a building which is part of the Kirov Plant (No. 94 Stachek Street), a counterrevolutionary leaflet was found by students STARILOV and KORNILOV of nearby School No. 9.

The leaflet was handed over by the students at a police station.

The leaflet was handwritten in ink, with block letters, on paper torn from a notebook, and contains slanderous fabrications about the situation of working people in the USSR, and calls for terror against the leaders of the VKP(b) and the Soviet government.

The leaflet is signed: "The Underground Committee of the City of Leningrad, Anarchists."

Measures are underway to identify the authors of this counterrevolutionary leaflet.

Chief Administrative Officer of the NKGB L/O

[Sergo] Goglidze

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SPECIAL REPORT

On the 11th of March [1941] between 7 and 8 a.m., in the neighbourhood of the Kirovsky Plant, two leaflets with similar counterrevolutionary content were discovered. One was on a fence opposite house № 4 on Maikov Lane, while the other was on a fence in front of house № 15 on Chimichesky Lane.

The leaflets were appeals to the workers of Leningrad signed by "The Committee for Struggle with Red Imperialism," and contained counterrevolutionary fabrications about the condition of the working class in our country and called for active struggle with "Red Imperialism."

The leaflets were printed in block letters on sheets from a student's notebook; one of them was made with blue and red chemical pencils, and the other written by a pen with green ink.

Active measures are underway to find the author of the leaflets.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF LENINGRAD OBLAST

KUPRIN

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From a special briefing dated April 28 1941 by the NKGB about the Leningrad region during preparations for May Day and specifically about the mood of the population:

In the Kirovsky district, anti-Soviet leaflets signed "ANARCHIST" are being systematically distributed. On April 16 several of these anti-Soviet leaflets were scattered on the grounds of one of the schools of the Kirovsky district. The author of the leaflets puts forth malicious slanders against the leaders of the Party and the Government and calls on the workers to boycott the May Day demonstration.

The report is signed by Ogoltsov, deputy chief of the NKGB.

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NKGB = People's Commissariat for State Security

OBKOM = OBLAST COMMITTEE

L/O = Leningrad Oblast

VKP(b) = All-Union Communist Party (bolsheviks)

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