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Upon his discharge, he was returned to the Moscow area where he was placed in a rest home. (Although Subject admitted that there really existed no need for this as he had recovered already prior to his discharge). In continuing his narration, Subject indicated that the rest of his story "sounds very strange and unbelievable" but then answered that it was "true." He states that, strange as it appears and despite the shortage of Soviet men at the time (1944), he could not "find" himself a job. He went to the USSR and was offered him a job in Yekaterinburg on the highways with the Sverdlovsk Project; however, he was not given the job by the officials responsible for this. As a result, he appealed directly to the Minister of the USSR who "tried to intervene" in Subject's behalf. Allegedly after he was given a full physical examination, he was told that he could not be assigned to the highway units for reasons which were not specific as to Subject.

Subject then "sought out" work with the Moscow Soviet with no luck. He ultimately obtained a job with the Moscow GOKR in the Moscow Soviet Street Library (sic). In November 1944, at a salary of 500 rubles, Subject began working in the field of "information on municipal works—highway construction, architecture, sanitation, etc." His immediate supervisor was (full) Ivanov, the head of the op-

eration department of the Hydro-Energy Project. Subject admitted, in reply to the undersigned's query, that his work was "unusual" for several reasons. First, he was paid a salary which was unusually high and out of line with his qualifications. Secondly, though he was paid a salary for a full-time job and position, he actually worked on a part-time basis and was able to come and go almost as he wished. His work also included working on abstracts and translations from English to Russian, primarily in the field of dams, dam construction, and hydraulics.

In June 1949 Subject states that he was dismissed from the foregoing position after he was given the explanation that the flow of information from the USSR, which Subject was translating, had decreased. In later fact, Subject states, he was being "purged" because he was a Jew. He then found a job as a laboratory assistant in a concrete plant where he worked from July 1949 to 25 February 1950. Because of a reduction in jobs, Subject states he was forced to shift personally as a result of which, within less than a week, he was offered a "better" position. He was told that he was to undertake a "special assignment" for the USSR. To "test" his reliability and loyalty to the regime, Subject admitted that he was not considered reliable by writing a story which would create the attention of the Soviet political wing, MVD, which could undertake to investigate his case. Accordingly, on 1 April 1950 Subject was given a job as an SECRET.