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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (105-0)

SUBJECT: DOCTOR LINCOLN LA PAZ
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DATE: 6/4/56

On 5/31/56 [] an employee of the U. S. Customs Service, who examines foreign mail and parcel post received for distribution in the Southwest area, advised SA W [] that he had received some registered mail for distribution which had been mailed in Russia.

[] made available information which disclosed that a 5 x 8 airmail registered communication had been received at the Parcel Post Annex Station at 320 West Franklin Street in El Paso for distribution to Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, Director, Institute of Meteorites, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, from [] Meteorite Committee of the Academy of Science, Osipenko 52, Moscow 127, USSR. A stamp on the back of this envelope indicated that it had been received on May 25, 1956 as airmail at New York.

[] advised that due to the badly damaged condition of this communication upon its receipt at El Paso, he had noted that it had contained, what appeared to be, two ore samples and several photographs of meteor or ore samples. With this material was a 2-page document No. 117-6 dated March 18, 1956, addressed to Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, which appeared to be written in the Russian language. Attached to this document was the original and a copy of a paper also which appeared to be in the Russian language, signed by two persons. It was captioned "AKT", the middle letter resembling the English "K". Accompanying these documents was a pamphlet containing six pages printed in English which was labeled as No. 1, supplement to Geochemistry No. 1, 1956 and entitled "1956 GEOCHEMISTRY SUMMARIES". There were short articles on various subjects contained in this pamphlet captioned as follows:

"DISTRIBUTION REGULARITY OF CHEMICAL ELEMENTS
IN THE EARTH'S CRUST"
By A. P. VINOGRADOV

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Re: DOCTOR LINCOLN LA PAZ

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"GEOSPHERES AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE
ELEMENTS"

By A. F. KAPUSTINSKI

"THE 400° ISOTHERM OF THE H₂O - SiO₂ SYSTEM
IN THE PRESSURE INTERVAL UP TO 4000 Kg/cm²"

By N. I. KHITAROV

"THE PECULIARITIES OF ISOMORPH ENTRY OF
BERYLLIUM INTO THE CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE OF
MINERALS"

By A. A. BEUS

"PECULIARITIES OF LEAD AND ZINC DISTRIBUTION
IN MINERALS OF CALEDONIAN GRANITOIDS OF THE
SUSSAMYR BATHOLITE (CENTRAL TIAN-SHAN)"

By L. W. TAUSSON and L. A. KRAVTSHENKO

"TITANIUM DISTRIBUTION IN DEPOSITS OF THE
OKHOTSK SEA"

By E. A. OSTROUMOV

"ISOTOPIC COMPOSITION OF SULPHUR IN CONNECTION
WITH THE AGE OF PYRITES OF SEDIMENTARY ORIGIN"

By A. P. VINOGRADOV, M. S. GHUPAKHIN,
V. A. GRINENKO, A. V. TROFIMOV

"AN EXPERIENCE OF BIOGEOCHEMICAL PROSPECTING
FOR ORE DEPOSITS IN THE AUTONOMOUS TUVA REGION"

By D. P. MALINGA and A. I. MAKAROVA

"ON A POSSIBLE HYDROGEOCHEMICAL CAUSE OF THE
LEACHING SUBZONE FORMATION"

By A. I. GERMANOV

Page six of the above pamphlet was a page captioned
"Contents".

Also contained in the communication addressed to
Dr. LA PAZ was a pamphlet No. 1, 1956, having a cover bearing
a caption, apparently in the printed Russian language, which
cover and back was separated by a one-page printed pamphlet
printed on one side bearing page number 123, printed in a
foreign language, possibly Russian.

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Also a pamphlet bearing page numbers 179 to 183 inclusive, illustrated with photos of meteorites, "meteors" "(a symposium on meteor physics): special supplement (vol.2) to J. Atmosph. Terr. Phys. (1955)", SIKOTE-ALINE METEORITE by V. G. FESSENKOV, Acad. of Sciences, Moscow, USSR.

It should be noted that this information, if disseminated to any outside agency should be reported as having been noted by Examiner [] during the course of his duties in examining and repairing this communication and forwarding to its addressee, Dr. LA PAZ.

The purpose of forwarding this data to the Bureau and the Albuquerque Office is to advise of the material being received direct from Russia by Dr. LA PAZ and due to the fact that this is the first such direct communication which has come to the attention of [] for many months and none previously can be recalled for Dr. LA PAZ.

The significance of this material and data is not known and no further action is being taken by the El Paso Office concerning this matter UACB.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (105-169)

SUBJECT: DOCTOR LINCOLN LA PAZ
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Re El Paso letter dated June 4, 1956.

Official records of the University of New Mexico reflect that Doctor LA PAZ is presently associated with the University of New Mexico as a professor of Mathematics and Astronomy as well as director of the Division of Astronomy and the Institute of Meteoritics.

A review of Albuquerque files concerning captioned subject reflects the following information:

LA PAZ is mentioned in the report of SA J. PHILLIP CLARIDGE dated October 10, 1951 at Albuquerque in the case entitled [REDACTED] Bureau file [REDACTED]. In this regard LA PAZ had made an examination of a piece of metal in his University capacity.

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LA PAZ, on October 17, 1949, was a complainant concerning individuals in the educational field of whom he was suspicious.

By letter dated March 10, 1952 to the Bureau captioned UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION, the Bureau was advised that Doctor LA PAZ had complained concerning individuals of whom he was suspicious. It was pointed out in this letter that Doctor LA PAZ has received press attention in connection with his work involving tracing of fire balls.

By letter dated November 10, 1952, the Portland Office advised concerning a complaint received about a "LINCOLN LA TAZ," a professor at the University of New Mexico. This complaint was received by Portland from one [REDACTED] who, Portland advised, was considered by his associates as a "screw ball." [REDACTED] complaint concerning "LA TAZ" was that LA TAZ had talked with him about Communism and in the opinion of [REDACTED] was at least a Communist sympathizer.

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A memorandum dated May 11, 1950 by then ASAC CARY CARLTON reports the fact that a Commander, [REDACTED] University of New Mexico, N. R. O. T. C., had furnished ambiguous information concerning LA PAZ, pointing out that some people felt that LA PAZ was too inquisitive and had no real reasons to visit the restricted areas such as Los Alamos or Sandia Base, New Mexico.

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An OSI report of SA [REDACTED], 17th District, OSI, Kirtland Air Force Base, dated September 26, 1951 reflects the results of a special inquiry concerning Doctor LA PAZ summarized "no derogatory information or foreign connections were developed."

The El Paso Office by letter dated February 10, 1949 to the Bureau captioned PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS, Bureau file 65-58300, reflects the receipt of miscellaneous information from LA PAZ.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 24, 1956 advised SA ROBERT J. WIRTH that he is familiar with the name of Doctor LINCOLN LA PAZ in academic circles but has never heard LA PAZ's name mentioned in connection with Communist Party affairs.

Referenced El Paso letter reflects that Doctor LA PAZ was the recipient of an airmail registered communication addressed to LA PAZ as the director of the Institute of Meteorites, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, from [REDACTED] Meteorites Committee of the Academy of Science, Osipenko 52, Moscow 127, U. S. S. R.

Referenced El Paso letter reflects that the material contained therein appeared to be scientific documents of an academic nature.

In view of the above, no further action is contemplated by this office concerning this matter and the case is being considered closed.