

The Bureau has carefully reviewed the program proposed in your referenced airtel to interview a number of librarians employed in technical libraries of interest to Soviet intelligence services (SIS).

While it is recognized that such a program could be of some value in alerting those librarians to contacts by SIS personnel, could encourage their prompt reporting of such contacts to your office and might even uncover some individuals who have already been contacted, the Bureau does not feel that in light of other investigative priorities the results which at this time.

Librarians at technical facilities having control over classified material should have been alerted to prompt reporting of contacts with communist-bloc officials by the military intelligence components responsible for their establishments. At those libraries where there is no classified material but where there is material which is of interest to SIS, it is recognized that SIS may indeed acquire such data. In an open society, however, it is impractical to attempt to prevent all soviet acquisition of such readily available material and we must recognize realistic limitations in this regard.



